



VOL. 5 NO. 4 - APRIL 1995

Wrestling Facts

JAMES C. MELBY EDITOR, 1018 E. ROSE AVE., ST. PAUL, MN. 55106

THIS ISSUE FEATURES THE RING RECORD OF RAY GUNKEL

In Memoriam *to* **RAY GUNKEL**



**WHO DIED TUESDAY NIGHT
AUG. 1, 1972 IN SAVANNAH, GA.**

WRESTLING FACTS - THE ORIGINAL MAT RESEARCH JOURNAL

VOL. 1 NO. 1 FRANK TOWNSEND PART I \$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 2 FRANK TOWNSEND PART II \$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 3 HARD BOILED HAGGERTY I \$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 4 HARD BOILED HAGGERTY II \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 1 BILLY GOELZ \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 2 TINY MILLS I \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 3 TINY MILLS II \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 4 DON EAGLE \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 1 THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 2 DR.X(DICK BEYER) \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 3 BRONKO NAGURSKI \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 4 VERNE GAGNE \$25.00
VOL. 3 NO. 5 BUTCH LEVY \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 1 YUKON ERIC \$25.00
VOL. 4 NO. 2 JOE PAZANDAK \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 3 BOB RASMUSSEN \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 4 DICK HUTTON \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 5 RIKIDOZAN \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 6 CLIFF GUSTAFSON \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 7 IVAN & KAROL KALMIKOFF \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 8 HIRO MATSUDA \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 9 SHOZO KOBAYASHI \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 10 ROCHESTER, MN. RESULTS 1949-63 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 1 LEO NOMELLINI \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 2 1950'S SCRAPBOOK \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 3 BILL MELBY \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 4 RAY GUNKEL \$10.00

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE CIRCLE ISSUES DESIRED ON THE ABOVE LIST.
POSTAGE AND HANDLING IS \$4.00 FOR FIRST ISSUE, \$1.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL
ISSUE. OVERSEAS ORDERS WILL BE SHIPPED BY SEA MAIL UNLESS THE CUSTOMER
PAYS FOR AIR MAIL COSTS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO JAMES C. MELBY, 1018
EAST ROSE AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MN. 55106.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

THE RING RECORD OF RAY GUNKEL

1948

June 5	Indianapolis	Carlos Rodriquiz	WON
30	Evansville	Rudy Kay	WON
July 26	Chicago	Faro Renaldi	DRAW
30	St. Louis	Carlos Rodriquiz	WON
Aug. 3	Indianapolis	Ralph Garibaldi	LOST
13	St. Louis	Joe Dusek	WON
18	Evansville	Babe Zaharias	WON
Sept. 10	St. Louis	Al Galento	WON
24	St. Louis	Joe Dusek	LOST
25	Indianapolis	Ralph Garibaldi	DRAW
Oct. 12	Indianapolis	Bobby Nelson	LOST
18	Phoenix	Chris Zaharias	WON
20	Los Angeles	Vic Holbrook	DRAW
21	Porterville	Terry McGinnis	WON
23	San Bernardino	Eric Holmbach(Yukon Eric)	DRAW

1949

Jan. 8	Leichardt	Leo Jessen	WON
15	Leichardt	Al Costello	WON
22	Leichardt	Al Costello	WON
29	Leichardt	Pat Meehan	WON
Feb. 26	Leichardt	Tarzan White	DRAW
Mar. 5	Leichardt	George Penchoff	WON
12	Leichardt	Al Costello	WON-DQ
15	Newcastle	Al Costello	WON
19	Leichardt	Tarzan White	LOST
22	Newcastle	Leo Jessen	DRAW
26	Leichardt	Al Costello	WON
Apr. 5	Newcastle	Johnny Sepeda	LOST
9	Leichardt	Johnny Sepeda	DRAW
11	Brisbane	Dr. Lee Grable	LOST
16	Auckland	Pete Managoff	LOST
26	Newcastle	Vic Christy	LOST
30	Leichardt	Johnny Sepeda	LOST
May 9	Brisbane	Ted Christy	LOST
10	Newcastle	Tommy O'Toole	LOST
18	Sydney	Tommy O'Toole	LOST
28	Melbourne	Tommy O'Toole	LOST
June 11	Leichardt	Tommy O'Toole	LOST
14	Newcastle	Ted Christy	LOST

1949 CONTINUED

June 25	Leichardt	Johnny Sepada	LOST
July 2	Adelaide	Bud Curtis	WON
9	Leichardt	Ted Christy	LOST
16	Adelaide	Bud Curtis	WON
20	Melbourne	Dick Raines	DRAW
21	Adelaide	Chief Little Wolf	NO CONTEST
Aug. 6	Leichardt	Dr. Lee Grable	DRAW
17	Sydney	Ted Christy	LOST
20	Leichardt	Dr. Lee Grable	LOST
Sept. 4	Honolulu	Jack Claybourne	WON
11	Honolulu	Jack Claybourne	WON
25	Honolulu	Bobby Managoff	DRAW
Oct. 2	Honolulu	George Penchoff	WON
9	Honolulu	Sonny Kurgis	WON
16	Honolulu	Pat Fraley	WON-DQ
23	Honolulu	Dr. Lee Grable	WON
30	Honolulu	w/Bobby Managoff vs. Tommy O'Toole & Earl McCready	LOST
Nov. 6	Honolulu	Oki Shikina	DRAW
13	Honolulu	Johnny Sepeda	DRAW
20	Honolulu	Dean Detton	LOST
27	Honolulu	Sonny Kurgis	DRAW
Dec. 4	Honolulu	Dr. Ben Sherman	WON
11	Honolulu	Flash Gordon	LOST

1950

Feb. 16	St. Louis	w/Otto Kuss vs. Joe Dusek & Jack Conley	WON
Mar. 1	St. Louis	w/Pete Peterson vs. Ellis Bashara & Jack Moore	WON
9	Kansas City	Ellis Bashara	DRAW
10	St. Joseph	Killer Kowalski	LOST
16	Kansas City	Verne Gagne	DRAW
17	St. Joseph	Ben Morgan	LOST
21	Kansas City	Walter Sirois	DRAW
23	Kansas City	Jack Hader	WON
24	Topeka	Gorgeous George	LOST
25	St. Joseph	Walter Sirois	DRAW
27	Wichita	Ellis Bashara	WON
28	Minneapolis	Earl McCready	LOST
31	St. Joseph	Ellis Bashara	WON
Apr. 10	Minneapolis	Earl McCready	DRAW
11	Rochester	Dick Raines	DRAW

1950 CONTINUED

Apr. 13	Mankato	Leo Nomellini	LOST
18	Minneapolis	Leo Nomellini	LOST
19	Duluth	Abe Kashey	LOST
20	Rochester	Tom Angelo (Sub for Sterling Robeson)	WON
25	Minneapolis	Tommy O'Toole	LOST
26	Des Moines	Tommy O'Toole	WON
28	Winnipeg	Abe Kashey	LOST
May 2	Minneapolis	Butch Levy	LOST
8	Chicago	Joe Millich	NO CONTEST
18	Ottawa	Al Korman	WON
24	Montreal	Les Ryan	WON
25	Ottawa	Joe Christie	WON
31	Montreal	Fred Atkins	DRAW
June 1	Ottawa	Harry Madison	WON
7	Montreal	Fred Atkins	NO CONTEST
14	Montreal	Dave Detton	DRAW
15	Ottawa	Mayes McLain	WON-DQ
July 18	Montreal	Henri Vermeersch	WON
Aug. 14	Montreal	Mayes McLain	WON
23	Montreal	Eddie Auger	DRAW
30	Montreal	Jim Henry	WON
Sept. 7	Toronto	Ras Samara	DRAW
14	Toronto	Sky Hi Lee	DRAW
21	Toronto	Pat O'Shocker	WON
26	Hamilton	Steve Stanlee	DRAW
28	Toronto	Toar Morgan	DRAW
Oct. 3	Hamilton	Abe Zvonkin	DRAW
10	Hamilton	Masked Marvel	LOST
12	Toronto	Larry Moquin	DRAW
18	London	Jim Henry	WON
24	Hamilton	Steve Stanlee	DRAW
25	London	Bobby Nelson	DRAW
26	Toronto	Sky Hi Lee	LOST
Nov. 2	Toronto	Masked Marvel	LOST
8	Montreal	Lee Henning	LOST
9	Toronto	Toar Morgan	DRAW
15	London	Masked Marvel	LOST
23	Toronto	Sky Hi Lee	LOST
24	Buffalo	Sky Hi Lee	LOST
30	Ottawa	Dick Trout	LOST

1951

Jan. 8	Hannibal	Fred Blassie	WON
12	St. Louis	Jack Moore	WON

1951 CONTINUED

Jan. 15	Memphis Balk Estes	WON
22	Memphis Karol Krauser	LOST
23	Louisville Karol Krauser	DRAW
Feb. 6	Lincoln Ken Fenelon	DRAW
7	Des Moines Emil Dusek	DRAW
9	St. Louis w/Angelo Poffo vs. Ivan Rasputin & Red Vagnone	LOST
13	Indianapolis Purple Phantom	WON
20	Louisville Green Dragon(Pete Managoff)	DRAW
23	St. Louis w/Pete Managoff vs. Ivan Rasputin & Dick Raines	LOST
27	Louisville Dutch Hefner	DRAW
Mar. 9	St. Paul George Bollas	LOST
13	Minneapolis Ivan Kameroff	LOST
15	Rochester Frank Marconi	WON
20	Minneapolis Frank Marconi	WON
29	St. Paul Jerry Meeker	WON
Apr. 3	Minneapolis Hans Hermann	WON-DQ
6	St. Paul Tony Angelo	WON
9	Duluth Steve Gob	DRAW
10	Minneapolis Steve Gob (Gob & Kameroff AKA Nicoli & Boris Volkoff)	DRAW
12	Rochester Mike DiBiase	LOST
20	Houston Tarzan White	WON
23	Ft. Worth Tarzan White	WON
24	Dallas Bobby Ford	WON
30	Ft. Worth w/Big Humphrey vs. Don Evans & Art Neilson	DRAW
May 1	Dallas w/Red Berry vs. Don Evans & Danny Savich	LOST
4	Houston Don Evans	WON
7	Ft. Worth w/Big Humphrey vs. Don Evans & Art Neilson	WON
8	Dallas w/Dizzy Davis vs. Danny Savich & Art Neilson	WON
9	San Antonio Angelo Cistoldi	DRAW
" "	" " Dizzy Davis	WON
11	Houston Angelo Cistoldi	WON(0:04)
15	Dallas Duke Keomuka Ray won in 0:38)	WON(1st Fall
17	Galveston Don Evans	WON
18	Houston Big Humphrey	WON
22	Dallas Timothy Geohagen	DRAW
23	San Antonio w/Timothy Geohagen vs. Paul Boesch & danny Savich	WON
25	Houston Art Neilson	WON-DQ
29	Dallas Danny Savich	DRAW
30	San Antonio Lou Thesz	LOST

1951 CONTINUED

June 1	Houston Danny Savich	DRAW
5	Dallas Danny Savich	LOST
6	San Antonio w/Timothy Geohagen vs. Danny Savich & Paul Boesch	WON
8	Houston Art Neilson	WON
12	Dallas Timothy Geohagen	DRAW
13	San Antonio Paul Boesch	WON(15.5 SEC.)
14	Galveston Art Kapitanapolis	WON
15	Houston Duke Keomuka	WON
21	Galveston Art Neilson	WON
22	Houston Golden Superman	WON
25	Ft. Worth Duke Keomuka	DRAW
26	Dallas w/Timothy Geohagen vs. Ellis Bashara & Karl Davis	LOST
27	San Antonio Duke Keomuka	WON-DQ
28	Galveston Jerry Meeker	WON
29	Houston Verne Gagne	WON-DQ
July 2	Ft. Worth Tex Riley	DRAW
3	Dallas Carlos Moreno	DRAW
4	San Antonio Paul Boesch	NO CONTEST
5	Galveston Karl Davis	WON
6	Houston Karl Davis	WON-DQ
9	Ft. Worth Pat O'Connor	DRAW
11	San Antonio Paul Boesch	WON
13	Houston Dick Raines	WON
16	Ft. Worth Bobby Managoff	DRAW
17	Dallas w/Pat O'Connor vs. Dick Raines & Babe Zaharias	WON
18	San Antonio Duke Keomuka	LOST
20	Houston Babe Zaharias	WON
23	Ft. Worth w/Bobby Managoff vs. Danny McShane & Babe Zaharias	WON
24	Dallas Danny McShane	WON
" "	Jerry Meeker	WON
" "	Bobby Managoff	LOST
25	San Antonio Bobby Managoff	DRAW
26	Galveston Hal Keene	WON
27	Houston Bobby Managoff	DRAW
30	Ft. Worth Danny McShane	LOST
Aug. 2	Galveston Duke Keomuka	DRAW
" "	w/Sonny Myers vs. Duke Keomuka & Jerry Meeker	WON
3	Houston Lou Thesz	LOST
6	Ft. Worth Danny McShane	WON-DQ
9	Galveston w/Sonny Myers vs. Duke Keomuka	WON
10	Houston Pat O'Connor	WON
13	Ft. Worth Jerry Meeker	WON
14	Dallas Sonny Myers	DRAW
15	San Antonio Danny McShane	DRAW
16	Galveston Paul Boesch	DRAW

1951 CONTINUED

Aug. 17	Houston Duke Keomuka (Lost Texas State Title)	LOST
20	Ft. Worth Duke Keomuka	DRAW
21	Dallas Sonny Myers & Ellis Bashara	LOST
22	San Antonio Pat O'Connor	WON
24	Houston Jerry Meeker	WON
27	Ft. Worth Ned Taylor	WON
28	Dallas Sonny Myers	WON
30	Galveston Gene Dubuque	WON
31	Houston Danny McShane	DRAW
Sept. 4	Dallas Duke Keomuka (Won Texas State Title)	WON-DQ
5	San Antonio Karol Krauser	DRAW
7	Houston Pat Fraley	DRAW
11	Dallas Rito Romero	DRAW
12	San Antonio Pat Fraley	DRAW
13	Galveston Rito Romero	DRAW
14	Houston Pat O'Connor	WON
19	San Antonio Sonny Myers	WON
20	Galveston Duke Keomuka	WON
21	Houston Rito Romero	DRAW
27	Galveston Danny McShane	WON
28	Houston Danny Savich	WON-DQ
Oct. 1	Ft. Worth Al Szasz	WON
2	Dallas Duke Keomuka	NO CONTEST
4	Galveston Babe Zaharias	WON
" "	w/Paul Boesch vs. Babe & Chris Zaharias	LOST
5	Houston w/Rito Romero vs. Sonny Myers & Danny Savich	WON
8	Ft. Worth Rito Romero	LOST-DEC.
9	Dallas Verne Gagne	LOST
11	Corpus Christi Chris Zaharias	LOST
12	Houston Duke Keomuka	WON
18	Corpus Christi Chris Zaharias	DRAW
19	Houston Lou Thesz	LOST
24	San Antonio Fred Atkins	LOST
29	Ft. Worth Fred Atkins	LOST
Nov. 1	Galveston Ivan Kalmikoff	WON-DQ
2	Houston Fred Atkins	LOST
5	Ft. Worth Blackie Guzman	LOST
8	Corpus Christi Al Lovelock	WON
12	Ft. Worth The Mighty Atlas	LOST
16	Houston w/Rito Romero vs. Ivan Kalmikoff & Ellis Bashara	WON
Dec. 3	Memphis Ivan Rasputin	LOST
4	Louisville Pete Managoff	DRAW
" "	w/Chief Little Wolf & Dick Trout vs.	

1951 CONTINUED

Dec. 4	Louisville(continued)	
	Pete Managoff, Jan Gotch, Dutch Hefner	LOST
7	St. Louis w/Chief Big Heart vs.	
	Dutch Hefner & Joe Dusek	WON
11	Louisville Pete Managoff	WON-DQ
14	St. Louis Jack Moore	WON
28	St. Louis Dutch Hefner	DRAW

1952

Jan. 4	Houston Art Neilson	WON
8	Dallas Dizzy Davis	DRAW
9	San Antonio Marvin Jones	WON
10	Corpus Christi Sonny Myers	LOST
11	Houston Ivan Kalmikoff	WON
14	Ft. Worth Verne Gagne	DRAW
16	San Antonio Dizzy Davis	DRAW
17	Corpus Christi Sonny Myers	LOST
21	Ft. Worth Roy McClarty	WON
22	Dallas Bob McCune	DRAW
25	Houston Bobby Weaver(Arnold Skoaland)	DRAW
28	Ft. Worth Fred Von Schacht	LOST
Feb. 1	Houston w/Blackie Guzman vs.	
	Duke Keomuka & Ivan Kalmikoff	WON-DQ
6	San Antonio Kola Kwariani	WON
11	Ft. Worth Ivan Kalmikoff	WON
12	Dallas w/Blackie Guzman vs.	
	Ivan Kalmikoff & Kola Kwariani	WON
14	Galveston Dizzy Davis	DRAW
15	Houston Otto Kuss	WON
18	Ft. Worth w/Roy McClarty vs.	
	The Great Scott & Abdullah Bey	LOST
19	Dallas w/Blackie Guzman vs.	
	Art Neilson & The Great Scott	WON
21	Corpus Christi Bob McCune	LOST
22	Houston Mr. Moto	LOST
25	Ft. Worth Angelo Savoldi	WON-DQ
26	Dallas w/Blackie Guzman vs.	
	Mr. Moto & Duke Keomuka	LOST
	(Lost Texas Tag Team Title)	
29	Houston Duke Keomuka	DRAW
Mar. 3	Ft. Worth Angelo Savoldi	DRAW
4	Dallas Art Neilson	WON
5	San Antonio Mr. Moto	LOST
7	Houston w/Blackie Guzman vs.	
	Mr. Moto & Duke Keomuka	LOST
10	Ft. Worth Ed Perez	DRAW
11	Dallas w/Otto Kuss vs.	
	Ed Perez & Duke Keomuka	WON

1952 CONTINUED

Mar. 14	Houston w/Blackie Guzman vs. Ed Perez & Duke Keomuka	WON
17	Ft. Worth The Great Scott	DRAW
18	Dallas Mr. Moto	NO CONTEST
21	Houston w/Blackie Guzman vs. Mr. Moto & Duke Keomuka	LOST
24	Ft. Worth Angelo Savoldi	WON
25	Dallas Mr. Moto	WON
27	Galveston Bob Clay	WON
28	Houston w/Blackie Guzman vs. Mr. Moto & Duke Keomuka	LOST
31	Ft. Worth Doran O'Hara	WON
" "	" w/Leo Voss vs. Mr. Moto & Duke Keomuka	NO CONTEST
Apr. 1	Dallas Duke Keomuka	LOST
4	Houston Ali Bey	WON(0:20)
7	Ft. Worth The Great Scott	WON
" "	" w/Dizzy Davis & Leo Voss vs. Mr. Moto, Duke Keomuka, The Great Scott	LOST
11	Houston Duke Keomuka	LOST
14	Ft. Worth Vincent Lopez	WON
15	Dallas George Bollas	WON-DQ
18	Houston Mike Paidousis	DRAW
21	Ft. Worth w/Dizzy Davis vs. George Bollas & Ali Bey	DRAW
22	Dallas Lou Thesz	LOST
24	Galveston Killer Kowalski	LOST
25	Houston George Bollas	DRAW
28	Ft. Worth Killer Kowalski	LOST
29	Dallas The Great Scott	DRAW
30	San Antonio Dizzy Davis	WON
May 1	Galveston Mike Paidousis	DRAW
2	Houston Ivan Kalmikoff	WON-DQ
5	Ft. Worth Mr. Moto	WON-DQ
6	Dallas w/Killer Kowalski & Reggie Lisowski vs. Mr. Moto, Duke Keomuka, George Bollas	WON
7	San Antonio George Bollas	DRAW
8	Corpus Christi Ellis Bashara	WON
9	Houston Alvino Palomo	WON
12	Ft. Worth Ivan Kalmikoff	DRAW
13	Dallas Juan Hernandez	WON
14	San Antonio Ivan Kalmikoff	WON
15	Corpus Christi Duke Keomuka	LOST
16	Houston Johnny Balbo	DRAW
18	Ft. Worth Ivan Kalmikoff	DRAW
20	Dallas w/Reggie Lisowski & Danny Savich vs. Duke Keomuka, George Bollas, Ivan Kalmikoff	LOST
21	San Antonio The Mighty Atlas	
22	Corpus Christi Dutch Hefner	DRAW

1952 CONTINUED

May 23	Houston	The Mighty Atlas	WON
		(Won Texas State Title)	
26	Ft. Worth	Reggie Lisowski	DRAW
27	Dallas	w/Reggie Lisowski vs. George Bollas & Ivan Kalmikoff	WON-DEC.
28	San Antonio	Dutch Hefner	DRAW
29	Galveston	Gory Guerrero	DRAW
30	Houston	Dutch Hefner	WON
June 2	Ft. Worth	Danny Savich	LOST-DQ
3	Dallas	The Mighty Atlas	DRAW
5	Galveston	The Mighty Atlas	WON
6	Houston	Billy McDaniels	WON
9	Ft. Worth	Danny Savich	WON-DQ
10	Dallas	Rolando Vera	DRAW
11	San Antonio	Danny Savich	LOST
12	Galveston	Danny Savich	WON
13	Houston	Duke Keomuka	WON
16	Ft. Worth	Bill Longson	DRAW
17	Dallas	Referee for Lou Thesz vs. Bill Longson	
19	Galveston	Ivan Kalmikoff	DRAW
20	Houston	Lou Thesz	LOST
23	Ft. Worth	Billy McDaniels	WON
24	Dallas	Duke Keomuka	LOST
27	Houston	Dizzy Davis	DRAW
July 1	Dallas	The Great Scott	
3	Corpus Christi	Gory Guerrero	WON
4	Houston	The Great Scott	WON-DQ
7	Ft. Worth	Karol Krauser	DRAW
8	Dallas	w/Blackie Guzman vs. Danny Savich & The Great Scott	DRAW
9	San Antonio	Ivan Kalmikoff	WON
11	Houston	w/Ricki Starr vs. Duke Keomuka & Karol Krauser	WON
14	Ft. Worth	Mr. Moto	LOST
15	Dallas	Ivan Kalmikoff	WON
17	Corpus Christi	Duke Keomuka	LOST
18	Houston	w/Ricki Starr vs. Danny Savich & The Great Scott	WON
21	Ft. Worth	Mr. Moto	WON
22	Dallas	George Penchoff	DRAW
23	San Antonio	The Great Scott	DRAW
24	Corpus Christi	Duke Keomuka	WON
25	Houston	Danny Savich	WON(0:06)
28	Ft. Worth	Duke Keomuka	LOST(0:18)
29	Dallas	w/Ricki Starr vs. Danny Savich & The Great Scott	WON
30	San Antonio	Danny Savich	DRAW
Aug. 1	Houston	Mr. Moto	WON
4	Ft. Worth	Duke Keomuka	NO CONTEST

1952 CONTINUED

Aug. 5	Dallas Andre Drapp	LOST
6	San Antonio George Penchoff	DRAW
8	Houston w/Rolando Vera & Blackie Guzman vs. Mr. Moto, Duke Keomuka, & Fuji	LOST
11	Ft. Worth George Penchoff	WON
15	Houston Dick Raines	WON-DQ
18	Ft. Worth Cyclone Anaya	DRAW
20	San Antonio Dick Raines	WON-DQ
21	Galveston Dick Raines	WON
22	Houston George Penchoff	WON
23	Clerborne Dick Raines	DRAW
25	Ft. Worth Danny Savich	
29	Houston w/Ricki Starr vs. Danny Savich & Dick Raines	WON
Sept. 1	Ft. Worth Lou Plummer	WON(0:10)
2	Dallas Roy Graham	WON
4	Galveston Danny Savich & Dick Raines	LOST
5	Houston Cyclone Anaya	WON
9	Dallas Dick Raines	WON
11	Galveston Dick Raines	WON
" "	w/Ricki Starr & Andre Drapp vs. Dick Raines, Danny Savich, Karol Krauser	WON
15	Ft. Worth Danny Savich	WON
16	Dallas Lou Thesz	LOST
18	Galveston Danny Savich	WON
21	Ft. Worth Cyclone Anaya	LOST-DQ
" " "	w/Billy Varga vs. Cyclone Anaya & Blackie Guzman	NO CONTEST
25	Galveston w/Blackie Guzman vs. Duke Keomuka & Danny Savich	WON
26	Houston Duke Keomuka (Lost Texas State Title)	LOST-DQ
29	Ft. Worth Carlos Moreno	DRAW
Oct. 2	Galveston w/Paul Boesch vs. Abe Kashey & Danny Savich	LOST
3	Houston Danny Savich	WON-DQ
" "	w/Blackie Guzman & Cyclone Anaya vs. Danny Savich, Duke Keomuka, Abe Kashey	WON
6	Ft. Worth Blackie Guzman	LOST
9	Corpus Christi Ricki Starr	DRAW
10	Houston Kinji Shibuya	NO CONTEST
14	Dallas Ike Eakins	WON
15	San Antonio Carlos Moreno	DRAW
17	Houston Kinji Shibuya	WON
21	Dallas w/Ricki Starr vs. Duke Keomuka & Danny Savich	LOST-COR
22	San Antonio Andre Drapp	DRAW
24	Houston Danny Savich	WON
28	Dallas Duke Keomuka (Ray was injured while losing the 1st fall, Ricki Starr took his place and won next two falls.)	

1953 CONTINUED

July 10	Houston	Juan Humberto	WON
22	Indianapolis	Joe Dusek	WON
28	Dallas	Duke Keomuka	WON
30	Galveston	Duke Keomuka	WON
31	Houston	Bill Longson	WON
Aug. 4	Dallas	Ernie Dusek	
6	Galveston	Roger MacKay	DRAW
7	Houston	w/Rito Romero vs. Duke Keomuka & Dick Raines	WON
14	Houston	w/Ricki Starr vs. Duke Keomuka & Abdullah Bey	WON
17	Ft. Worth	Ramon Cernandes	WON
21	Houston	Kay Bell	DRAW
25	Dallas	Kay Bell	DRAW
27	Corpus Christi	Danny Savich	WON
28	Houston	Andre Drapp	DRAW
31	Ft. Worth	Juan Humberto	WON
Sept. 3	Galveston	Andre Drapp	LOST
4	Houston	Danny Savich	WON-DQ
7	Ft. Worth	Kay Bell	WON
8	Dallas	Bull Curry	WON
11	Houston	Duke Keomuka	WON-DQ
14	Ft. Worth	Stu Gibson	WON-DQ
18	Houston	w/Ricki Starr vs. Kurt Von Poppenheim & Dory Funk	WON
21	Hollywood	Gino Garibaldi	
22	Hollywood	Hans Schnabel	DRAW
23	San Diego	Danny McShane	DRAW
24	Long Beach	Red Berry	DRAW
28	Hollywood	w/Mike DiBiase vs. Hans Schnabel & Great Bolo(Al Lovelock)	DRAW
29	Dallas	Karl Davis	WON-DQ
" "	"	w/Ricki Starr, Rito Romero, Roger MacKay vs. Karl Davis, Duke Keomuka, Danny Savich, Kurt Von Poppenheim	LOST
Oct. 2	Houston	w/Rito Romero vs. Duke Keomuka & Danny Savich	LOST
7	Chicago	Karl Davis	WON
10	Indianapolis	w/Ricki Starr vs. Mr. Moto & Duke Keomuka	WON
12	Peoria	w/Sonny Myers vs. Bob Orton & The Mighty Atlas	WON-DQ
14	Chicago	Sky Hi Lee	WON
21	Chicago	Bobby Nelson	WON
24	St. Paul	The Mighty Ursus	DRAW
26	Peoria	Rudy Kay	WON
27	New York	Vincent Lopez	WON
28	Holyoke	Art Neilson	WON

1953 CONTINUED

Nov. 3	Minneapolis	Kinji Shibuya(Sub for Joe Pazandak)	WON-DQ
6	Philadelphia	Arnold Skoaland	
14	Chicago	Joé Christie	WON
17	Indianapolis	Jim Wright	WON
19	Cedar Rapids	Billy McDaniels	WON-DQ
20	Chicago	Bull Montana	WON
21	Chicago	Babe Zaharias(Sub for Jim Wright)	WON
25	Des Moines	The Mighty Atlas	WON
26	Cedar Rapids	Billy McDaniels	WON
" "	"	w/Art Bull vs.	
		Billy McDaniels & benito Gardini	WON
27	Waterloo	Bobby Nelson	WON
28	Chicago	The Mighty Atlas	WON
Dec. 3	Cedar Rapids	Ivan Rasputin	WON
10	Saratoga Springs	Art Neilson	WON
12	Chicago	Fred Von Schacht	WON
14	Omaha	Benito Gardini	WON
15	Sioux City	Bob Orton	WON
16	Des Moines	Bob McCune	WON
18	Houston	Duke Keomuka	WON
26	Chicago	Bobby Nelson	WON

1954

Jan. 2	Chicago	Bull Montana(Sub for Rocky Gallup)	WON
5	Wilkes Barre	Killer Kowalski	WON-DQ
7	Toledo	Art Neilson	WON
8	Anderson	Dutch Schultz	WON
15	Chicago	Hans Schmidt	LOST
18	Peoria	Pat O'Connor	DRAW
19	Sioux City	Ivan Rasputin	WON
20	Des Moines	Pat O'Connor	DRAW
21	Kankakee	The Sheik	WON
22	Buffalo	Ted Germaine	DRAW
23	Kingston	Hans Schmidt	LOST
25	Omaha	Joe Dusek(Sub for Sky Hi Lee)	WON
30	Indianapolis	Lou Thesz	DRAW
Feb. 1	Peoria	Hans Schmidt	WON-DQ
6	Racine	Rudy Kay	WON
8	Omaha	Hans Schmidt	LOST-COR
9	Sioux City	Sky Hi Lee	WON
11	Cedar Rapids	Fritz Von Erich	WON
16	Baltimore	Lou Pitoscia	WON
19	Waterloo	Killer Kowalski	WON
20	Chicago	Pierre LaSalle	WON
22	Omaha	Matt Murphy	WON
25	Ottumwa	Fritz Von Erich	WON
26	Anderson	Doc Gallagher	WON
	Date? Toledo	Hans Schmidt	LOST

1954 CONTINUED

Mar. 1	Ft. Worth Danny Savich	WON
3	Kentland w/Jack Witzig vs. Dutch Hefner & Rudy Kay	NO CONTEST
4	Corpus Christi Cyclone Anaya	WON
5	Houston Don Evans	WON
12	Houston Lou Thesz	LOST-DQ
15	Peoria Killer Kowalski	DRAW
17	Des Moines Hans Schmidt	WON-DQ
18	Toledo Hans Schmidt	LOST
19	Ottumwa Hans Hermann	WON
20	Chicago Zack Malkov	WON
22	Omaha Hans Hermann	LOST
23	Fall City w/Jack Witzig vs. Reggie Lisowski & Art Neilson	WON
30	Macomb Pete Managoff	WON
31	Saratoga Springs Killer Kowalski	DRAW
	Date? Saratoga Springs Pat O'Connor	
Apr. 1	Erie Killer Kowalski	LOST
5	Albany w/Jack Witzig vs. Joe Christie & Art Neilson	LOST
6	Syracuse The Mighty Atlas	DRAW
7	Saratoga Springs The Mighty Atlas	WON
9	Chicago Hans Hermann	WON
10	Napanu w/Jack Witzig vs. Ray Eckert & Dutch Hefner	DRAW
13	Columbia Ivan Rasputin	WON
21	Springfield Killer Kowalski	DRAW
22	Jacksonville w/Pat O'Connor vs. Dutch Hefner & Ivan Rasputin	WON
24	Indianapolis Lou Thesz	LOST-DQ
May 3	Ft. Worth Duke Keomuka	LOST
4	Austin Cyclone Anaya	WON
7	Houston Bull Curry (Lost Texas State Title)	LOST
10	Ft. Worth Billy McDaniels	DRAW
11	Austin Lou Thesz	DRAW
12	Waco Roy Graham	WON-DQ
13	Galveston Duke Keomuka	DRAW
14	Houston Cyclone Anaya	WON
17	Ft. Worth Duke Keomuka	WON
18	Dallas Cyclone Anaya	WON
19	Waco Lou Plummer	WON-DQ
20	Galveston Ed Francis	WON
21	Houston Duke Keomuka	LOST-DQ
24	Ft. Worth Bull Curry	LOST
25	Austin Bull Curry	NO CONTEST
27	Galveston Karol Krauser	WON
28	Houston Ed Francis	DRAW
31	Ft. Worth Ed Francis	WON

1954 CONTINUED

June 1	Austin Bull Curry	LOST
3	Galveston w/Rito Romero vs. Bull Curry & Ed Francis	WON
4	Houston w/Rito Romero vs. Stu Gibson & Ed Francis	LOST
7	Ft. Worth Stu Gibson	DRAW
8	Austin Billy McDaniels	WON
11	Houston Don Evans	WON-DQ
" "	w/Rito Romero, Larry Chene, Johnny Valentine vs. Don Evans, Bull Curry, Billy McDaniels, & Danny McShane	LOST
14	Ft. Worth Ignacio Martinez	WON-DQ
15	Austin Don Evans	WON
16	Victoria Ed Francis	WON-DQ
17	Beeville Tommy Phelps	WON
18	Houston Billy McDaniels	WON
" "	Also in 10 man battle royal won by J. Valentine	WON
21	Ft. Worth Johnny Valentine	WON
22	Dallas Stu Gibson	DRAW
23	San Antonio Angelo Poffo	DRAW
25	Houston Enrique Guzman	DRAW
28	Ft. Worth w/Enrique Guzman, Rito Romero, Sugi Sito vs. Ed Francis, Stu Gibson, Angelo Poffo, & Johnny Valentine	WON
29	Dallas Lou Thesz	LOST-DQ
30	San Antonio Billy McDaniels	DRAW
July 1	Galveston Ilio DiPaolo	DRAW
5	Ft. Worth Johnny Valentine	DRAW
6	Dallas Ed Francis	WON
7	San Antonio Danny McShane	LOST
8	Galveston w/Larry Chene, Alo Leilani, Danny McShane vs. Johnny Valentine, Stu Gibson, Ed Francis, & Karl Davis	WON
9	Houston Johnny Valentine	WON
12	Ft. Worth Johnny Valentine	DRAW
13	Dallas Ed Francis	DRAW
14	San Antonio Johnny Valentine	WON
16	Houston Johnny Valentine	LOST
19	Ft. Worth Johnny Valentine	WON
20	Dallas w/Dick Raines vs. Duke Keomuka & Stu Gibson	WON
21	San Antonio Karl Davis	WON
26	Ft. Worth Ed Francis	DRAW
27	Austin Don Evans	WON
28	Victoria Johnny Valentine	NO CONTEST
29	Galveston w/Sugi Sito vs. Stu Gibson & Don Evans	LOST
30	Houston Johnny Valentine	LOST
Aug. 2	Ft. Worth Dave Sims	DRAW
4	San Antonio Sugi Sito	DRAW

1954 CONTINUED

Aug. 5	Galveston Alo Leilani	DRAW
6	Houston Stu Gibson	WON
9	Ft. Worth Joe Blanchard	DRAW
10	Austin Lou Thesz	LOST
12	Galveston Billy Raeburn	DRAW
16	Ft. Worth Duke Keomuka	WON
17	Dallas w/Larry Chene vs. Duke Keomuka & Don Evans	WON
19	Galveston Tommy Phelps	WON
20	Houston Dave Sims	WON
" "	w/Rito Romero, Joe Blanchard, Enrique Guzman vs. Dave Sims, Duke Keomuka, Don Evans, & George MacKay	WON
21	Angleton Enrique Guzman	WON
23	Ft. Worth w/Billy Raeburn vs. Duke Keomuka & Don Evans	NO CONTEST
24	Dallas Dave Sims	WON
26	Galveston Johnny Valentine	DRAW
" "	w/Paul Boesch, George Drake, Alo Leilani vs. Johnny Valentine, Don Evans, George MacKay, & Jim Blood	LOST
27	Houston Alo Leilani	WON
30	Ft. Worth w/Rito Romero vs. Johnny Valentine & Ed Francis	WON-DQ
31	Dallas Billy Raeburn	DRAW
Sept. 2	Corpus Christi Larry Chene	WON
4	St. Louis w/Ronnie Etchison vs. Stu Gibson & Billy McDaniels	WON-DQ
6	Ft. Worth Jack Adkinson(Fritz Von Erich)	DRAW
" " "	w/Rito Romero & George Drake vs. Jack Adkinson, Ed Francis, Joe Christie	WON
7	Dallas Johnny Valentine	LOST-DEC.
" "	w/Ricki Starr & George Drake vs. Johnny Valentine, Ed Francis, Jack Vansky	WON
9	Corpus Christi Joe Blanchard	DRAW
14	Dallas Johnny Valentine (Ray won only fall during match)	WON
16	New Orleans Frank Hewitt	WON
17	Houston Joe Christie	NO CONTEST
20	Ft. Worth Duke Keomuka	WON
23	New Orleans Clyde Steeves	WON
24	Houston Joe Christie	LOST
28	Dallas Lou Thesz	DRAW
30	New Orleans Clyde Steeves	WON
Oct. 2	Conroe Joe Blanchard	DRAW
4	Ft. Worth w/Billy Darnell vs. The Great Scott & Roy Shire	LOST
7	New Orleans Lou Thesz	LOST
11	Ft. Worth w/Billy Darnell vs. The Great Scott & Roy Shire	WON

1954 CONTINUED

Oct. 14	Galveston	Joe Christie	WON
15	Houston	The Great Scott	DRAW
18	Ft. Worth	Joe Christie	DRAW
22	Houston	Art Neilson	WON
25	Decatur	Yukon Eric	WON
26	Louisville	Bob Leipler	WON
29	St. Louis	w/Bobby Managoff & Cyclone Anaya vs. Bill Longson, Ray Eckert, Stu Gibson	WON
30	St. Louis	Sonny Myers	DRAW
Nov. 2	Indianapolis	w/Sonny Myers vs. Ray Eckert & Dutch Hefner	WON
16	Indianapolis	w/Bobby Managoff vs. Ray Eckert & Stu Gibson	NO CONTEST
23	Dallas	The Great Togo	LOST
26	Houston	Tosh Togo	WON
30	Dallas	The Great Togo	
" "		w/Rito Romero & Billy Darnell vs. Duke Keomuka, The Great & Tosh Togo	
Dec. 2	Galveston	Tosh Togo	DRAW
3	Houston	The Great Togo	LOST
6	Ft. Worth	Roy Shire	WON
7	Austin	w/Ricki Starr vs. Jack Vansky & Babe Zaharias	WON
9	Galveston	Tosh Togo	WON
" "		w/Bob McCune & Polo Torres vs. Duke Keomuka, The Great & Tosh Togo	WON
10	Houston	Bob McCune	DRAW
13	Ft. Worth	Tosh Togo	WON
14	Austin	w/Ricki Starr vs. Joe Christie & Jack Vansky	WON
15	San Antonio	Juan Humberto	DRAW
16	Galveston	The Great Togo	WON
17	Houston	Billy Darnell	DRAW
20	Ft. Worth	Joe Christie	WON
21	Austin	Bob McCune	DRAW
27	Ft. Worth	Jack Adkisson	WON
28	Austin	Joe Christie	WON

1955

Jan. 3	Ft. Worth	Jack Adkisson	WON
" "	" "	The Sheik	WON
" "	" "	Polo Torres	WON
" "	" "	Joe Christie	WON
7	Houston	Maurice Vachon	WON-DQ
10	Ft. Worth	Lou Thesz	NO CONTEST
14	Houston	Joe Christie	WON
Feb. 1	Dallas	Bull Curry	LOST
8	Dallas	Roy Graham	WON

1955 CONTINUED

Feb. 10	Galveston The Sheik	WON
11	Houston Verne Taft	WON
15	Dallas Danny Savich	WON
18	Houston w/Larry Chene vs. Duke Keomuka & Joe Christie	LOST
21	Ft. Worth Pierre LaSalle	WON
" "	" " w/Larry Chene(Sub for Rocky Colombo) vs. Bull Curry & Maurice Vachon	WON
22	Dallas The Sheik	WON
25	Houston Duke Keomuka	LOST-DQ
28	Ft. Worth Lou Thesz	LOST
Mar. 4	Houston Duke Keomuka	WON
11	Houston Joe Christie	WON
14	Ft. Worth Billy Darnell	WON
18	Houston Lou Thesz	LOST-UTC
22	Dallas The Sheik	WON
25	Houston Duke Keomuka	WON
29	Dallas Duke Keomuka	LOST-DQ
31	Galveston w/Rocky Colombo vs. Bull Curry & Maurice Vachon	LOST
Apr. 1	Houston Bull Curry	DRAW
5	Dallas Duke Keomuka	LOST
8	Houston w/Tarzan Mike vs. Bull Curry & Duke Keomuka	WON
12	Dallas Maurice Vachon	WON
15	Houston w/Larry Chene vs. Bull Curry & The Sheik	WON
21	Corpus Christi Duke Keomuka	LOST-DQ
22	Houston Pierre LaSalle	DRAW
26	Dallas Pierre LaSalle	WON
28	Corpus Christi Duke Keomuka	DRAW
May 2	Waco w/Ray Piret vs. The Sheik & Son Of Ali Baba	WON
5	Corpus Christi Duke Keomuka	LOST
6	Houston Ronnie Etchison	DRAW
9	Waco Son Of Ali Baba	WON
17	Dallas Leo Nomellini	LOST
20	Houston Pepper Gomez	
24	Dallas Stu Gibson	DRAW
26	Corpus Christi Great Tonina	WON-DQ
27	Houston Joe Christie	
31	Dallas Hard Boiled Haggerty	DRAW
June 8	Montreal Fred Atkins	DRAW
9	Cornwall Mickey Gold	WON
14	Ottawa Fred Atkins	WON-DQ
15	Montreal John Swenski	WON
22	Montreal Manuel Cortez(Frank Scarpa)	DRAW
28	Ottawa Joe Christie	WON-DQ

1955 CONTINUED

June 29	Montreal	Angelo Savoldi	WON
July 5	Ottawa	w/Wilbur Snyder vs. Don Leo Jonathan & Fred Atkins	WON-DQ
6	Montreal	w/Manuel Cortez vs. Fred Atkins & Joe Christie	WON-DQ
12	Ottawa	Tony Angelo	WON
13	Montreal	w/Manuel Cortez vs. Fred Atkins & Joe Christie	WON-DQ
19	Ottawa	Fred Atkins	WON-DQ
20	Montreal	Billy Raeburn	WON
26	Ottawa	Tony Angelo	WON
27	Montreal	Paul Baillargeon	LOST
Aug. 30	Dallas	Lou Thesz	LOST
Sept. 2	Houston	Stu Gibson	WON
5	Ft. Worth	Al Lovelock	WON
		(Ray subbed for Wilbur Snyder in above bout)	
6	Dallas	George Bollas	WON
"	"	w/Wilbur Snyder vs. George Bollas & Bozo Brown	WON
8	Galveston	George Bollas w/Roy Heffernan vs. George Bollas & Lou Newman	WON-DQ
9	Houston	Tony Martin(Tom Renesto)	LOST
12	Ft. Worth	Wilbur Snyder	WON or DRAW
14	Victoria	Tommy Phelps	DRAW
19	Ft. Worth	The Great Scott	WON
20	Dallas	Danny Savich(Sub for Keomuka)	DRAW
		WON-DQ	
"	"	w/Wilbur Snyder & Pepper Gomez vs. Duke Keomuka, Stu Gibson, The Great Scott	
27	Dallas	Duke Keomuka	LOST
Oct. 4	Dallas	Stu Gibson	WON-DQ
14	Houston	Jim Dobie	DRAW
20	Galveston	Tony Morelli	DRAW
21	Houston	w/Wilbur Snyder vs. Duke Keomuka & Danny Savich (Won Texas Tag Team Title)	WON
24	Ft. Worth	Tony Borne	DRAW
27	Galveston	Tony Morelli	DRAW
28	Houston	Tiny Mills	DRAW
31	Ft. Worth	Duke Keomuka	DRAW
"	"	" w/Wilbur Snyder, Pepper Gomez, Jack Laskin vs. Duke Keomuka, Tony Borne, Stu Gibson, & Paul DeGalles	WON
Nov. 1	Dallas	Tiny Mills	DRAW
3	Corpus Christi	Duke Keomuka	WON
4	Houston	Paul DeGalles	WON

1955 CONTINUED

Nov. 10	Corpus Christi w/Wilbur Snyder vs. Tony Morelli & Danny Savich	WON
11	Houston w/Wilbur Snyder vs. Tiny Mills & Danny Savich	WON
18	Houston Rocky Colombo	WON-DQ
21	Ft. Worth Duke Keomuka	DRAW
" "	" w/Larry Chene vs. Duke Keomuka & Paul DeGalles	LOST
25	Houston Jack Laskin	DRAW
28	Ft. Worth Jack Laskin	WON
29	Dallas Paul DeGalles	
Dec. 1	Corpus Christi Duke Keomuka	NO CONTEST
2	Houston Tiny Mills	
5	Ft. Worth w/Wilbur Snyder vs. Duke Keomuka & Tiny Mills (Lost Texas Tag Team Title)	LOST
6	Dallas Doug Donovan	DRAW
12	Waco Danny Savich	WON
13	Dallas Tony Morelli	WON
15	Corpus Christi Tiny Mills	WON
16	Houston DukeE keomuka	
21	San Antonio Tiny Mills	WON
22	Corpus Christi Ray won a tournament	
26	Ft. Worth Tony Borne	WON
" "	" Tiny Mills	LOST
27	Dallas w/Pepper Gomez vs. Duke Keomuka & Tiny Mills	LOST
29	Corpus Christi w/Pepper Gomez vs. Duke Keomuka & Joe Christie	LOST

1956

Jan. 3	Dallas Don Evans	WON-DQ
4	San Antonio Dr. Jerry Graham	DRAW
10	Dallas Don Evans	DRAW
13	Houston Dr. Jerry Graham	WON or DRAW
17	Dallas Ray was guest referee	
18	San Antonio Dr. Jerry Graham	DRAW
20	Houston Danny McShane	DRAW
23	Ft. Worth Ray was guest referee	
24	Dallas Len Hughes	WON
27	Houston Kinji Shibuya	LOST
Feb. 3	St. Louis Ed Gardenia	DRAW
4	Indianapolis w/Billy Goelz vs. The Sheik & Gypsy Joe	WON
7	Indianapolis Hans Hermann	WON
13	Ft. Worth Kinji Shibuya	DRAW
14	Dallas George Bollas	WON
17	Houston George Bollas	WON
21	Dallas Jack Bence	WON

1956 CONTINUED

Feb. 22	Galveston	George Bollas	WON
28	Dallas	Len Hughes	WON
Mar. 1	Galveston	Skull Murphy	DRAW
3	Beaumont	Kinji Shibuya	WON
6	Dallas	Bull Curry	WON-DQ
8	Galveston	w/Prince Maiava vs. Duke Keomuka & Kinji Shibuya	DRAW
12	Waco	Jack Bence	WON
13	Dallas	Joe Christie	WON(DQ?)
15	Galveston	Kinji Shibuya	DRAW
20	Dallas	Jack Bence	WON
21	San Antonio	Jack Bence	DRAW
22	Galveston	Dr. Jerry Graham	WON
23	Houston	w/Prince Maiava vs. Duke Keomuka & Kinji Shibuya (Won Texas Tag Team Title)	WON
26	Ft. Worth	Alvero Velasco	WON
27	Dallas	Skull Murphy	WON
30	Houston	Pepper Gomez	LOST
Apr. 2	Ft. Worth	Skull Murphy	WON
3	Dallas	Alvero Velasco	WON
" "		Joe Christie	WON
" "		Duke Keomuka	WON
4	San Antonio	Sammy Berg	LOST
10	Dallas	Whipper Billy Watson	LOST
13	Houston	Don Evans	WON-DQ
16	Ft. Worth	George Drake	DRAW
20	Houston	Bill Savage	WON
23	Ft. Worth	Referee for Prince Maiava vs. Keomuka	
30	Ft. Worth	Nanjo Singh	WON
May 4	Houston	Danny Pleachas	WON-DQ
7	Ft. Worth	w/Cyclone Anaya vs. Mike DiBiase & Danny Pleachas	LOST
14	Ft. Worth	Joe Christie	DRAW
15	Dallas	w/Luigi Macera vs. Mike DiBiase & Danny Pleachas	LOST
18	Houston	Ed Francis	
22	Hamilton	Sky Hi Lee	DRAW
24	Toronto	w/Mains vs. Doc & Mike Gallagher	LOST
June 13	London	Pat Flanagan	LOST
July 3	Dallas	Referee for Danny Pleachas vs. Duke Keomuka & Buddy Rogers vs. Mike DiBiase	
Aug. 24	Houston	w/Pepper Gomez vs. Gene Kelly & Len Crosby (Aka Gene Kiniski & Len Montana)	

1956 CONTINUED

Aug. 28	Dallas	Johnny Valentine	DRAW
31	Houston	Len Crosby	
Sept. 4	Dallas	w/Leo Garibaldi vs. Doug & Red Donovan	LOST
11	Dallas	w/Herb Freeman vs. Duke Keomuka & Tony Martin	WON
13	New Orleans	Duke Keomuka	LOST
17	Waco	The Sheik	WON
18	Dallas	w/Herb Freeman vs. Gene Kelly & Len Crosby (Lost Texas Tag Team Title)	LOST
24	Waco	Len Crosby	DRAW
25	Dallas	w/Lou Thesz vs. Gene Kelly & Len Crosby	WON
27	Houston	w/Herb Freeman vs. Duke Keomuka & Tony Martin	
Oct. 5	Houston	Doug Donovan	
9	Dallas	w/LaChong LeClaire vs. Len Crosby & Dot Dotson	WON
15	Ft. Worth	Gene Kelly	DRAW
19	Houston	w/Jim LaRock vs. Duke Keomuka & Tony Martin	LOST
22	Ft. Worth	w/Amazing Zuma vs. Gene Kelly & Len Crosby (Won Texas Tag Team Title)	WON
26	Houston	El Medico	LOST
29	Ft. Worth	Stu Gibson	DRAW
Nov. 16	Houston	w/Pepper Gomez & Jose Guadalupe vs. Great Bolo, Lee Henning, Elephant Boy	
23	Houston	Sam Steamboat	DRAW or LOST
26	Abilene	Great Bolo	LOST-DQ
29	Amarillo	Tokyo Joe	WON-DQ
Dec. 3	Abilene	Great Bolo	WON-DQ
6	Amarillo	George Bollas	WON
13	Amarillo	Bob Orton	WON
17	Abilene	w/Cowboy Bradley vs. Juan Humberto & Irish Jackie	WON
20	Amarillo	Great Bolo	LOST-DQ
27	Amarillo	Great Bolo	LOST
1957			
Jan. 3	Amarillo	Bob Geigel	WON
8	Odessa	Duke Keomuka	LOST
10	Amarillo	Dory Funk	WON
17	Amarillo	Dory Funk	DRAW
22	Odessa	John Tolos	WON
24	Amarillo	John Tolos	WON

1957 CONTINUED

Jan. 24	Amarillo(continued) Don Curtis	DRAW
31	Amarillo w/Don Curtis vs. Duke Keomuka & Tokyo Joe	WON
Feb. 7	Amarillo Jim Wright	WON
12	Odessa Chris Tolos	DRAW
19	Odessa Chris Tolos	DRAW
" "	w/Dizzy Davis vs. Chris & John Tolos	WON
21	Amarillo Lou Thesz	LOST
28	Amarillo w/Don Curtis vs. Chris & John Tolos	LOST
Mar. 7	Amarillo Doug Donovan	WON-DQ
14	Amarillo Don Curtis	LOST
31	Abilene Kurt Von Poppenheim	LOST
Apr. 23	Dallas Bull Curry	DRAW
25	San Antonio Lou Thesz	LOST
26	Houston w/Pepper Gomez vs. Duke Keomuka & Tokyo Joe	WON
29	Ft. Worth Dory Funk	DRAW
30	Dallas w/Rito Romero vs. Duke Keomuka & Tokyo Joe	LOST
May 2	San Antonio Lou Thesz	LOST
3	Houston El Medico	LOST-COR
6	Ft. Worth Tex McKenzie	WON
7	Dallas Duke Keomuka	WON-DQ
9	San Antonio Tex McKenzie	WON
10	Houston Danny McShane	
13	Ft. Worth Richard Brown	WON
16	San Antonio El Medico	WON
20	Ft. Worth Chito Gonzales	WON
21	Dallas Danny McShane	WON-DQ
23	San Antonio Tokyo Joe	WON
24	Houston Don Evans	
27	Ft. Worth w/Paul Boesch vs. Duke Keomuka & Tokyo Joe	LOST
June 3	Ft. Worth Al Mills	WON-DQ
6	San Antonio Tokyo Joe	WON-DQ
10	Ft. Worth Tiny Mills	DRAW
" " "	w/Jim Hady vs. Tiny & Al Mills	DRAW
17	Ft. Worth Chris Zaharias	WON
20	San Antonio Fritz Von Ulm(Goering)	WON
21	Houston Johnny Valentine	LOST-DQ
24	Ft. Worth Billy Wicks	WON
July 1	Ft. Worth Johnny Valentine	LOST-DQ
2	Dallas Jim Hady	WON

CONTINUED

July 4	San Antonio	Tiny Mills	WON
5	Houston	Don Leo Jonathan	LOST
8	Ft. Worth	Johnny Valentine	WON
9	Dallas	Red Bastien	WON
12	Houston	Bull Curry	
15	Ft. Worth	El Medico	WON
18	San Antonio	Chet Wallick	DRAW
20	Beaumont	w/Fritz Von Ulm vs. Pepper Gomez & El Medico	LOST
22	Ft. Worth	Duke Keomuka	WON
26	Houston	Luigi Macera	DRAW
29	Ft. Worth	Fritz Von Ulm	WON
" "	" "	Ike Eakins	WON
" "	" "	Johnny Valentine	WON
Aug. 5	Ft. Worth	Lou Thesz	LOST
9	Houston	Ike Eakins	WON
19	Ft. Worth	Don Leo Jonathan	LOST
20	Dallas	Rip Rogers(AKA Eddie Graham)	DRAW
30	Atlanta	Fritz Von Brauner	WON
Sept. 6	Atlanta	Legs Langevin	WON
12	Indianapolis	Don Leo Jonathan	LOST-DQ
13	Atlanta	Baron Gattoni	
19	Indianapolis	Don Leo Jonathan	LOST-DEC.
20	Atlanta	w/Bill Melby vs. Baron Gattoni & Mike Paidousis	WON
27	Atlanta	w/Bill Melby vs. Kurt & Fritz Von Brauner	LOST-DQ
		(Melby injured before the bell, Gunkel wrestled the match by himself and was disqualified when Don McIntyre interferred on his behalf.)	
Oct. 4	Atlanta	w/Don McIntyre vs. Kurt & Fritz Von Brauner (Won International Tag Team Title)	WON
11	Atlanta	Kurt Von Brauner	WON
18	Atlanta	Kurt Von Brauner (Won Southern Title)	WON
25	Atlanta	Gorgeous George	WON-DQ
Nov. 1	Atlanta	Kurt Von Brauner	DRAW
" "	" "	w/Bill Melby, Tarzan White, Billy Red Lyons vs. Kurt Von Brauner, Gorgeous George, Red Berry, & Mike Paidousis	
8	Atlanta	w/Billy Red Lyons vs. Gorgeous George & Red Berry	WON
15	Atlanta	Gorgeous George	WON-UTC
22	Atlanta	Kurt Von Brauner	WON
29	Atlanta	w/Billy Red Lyons vs. Reggie & Stan Lisowski	LOST

1957 CONTINUED

Dec. 6	Atlanta	w/Don McIntyre vs. Reggie & Stan Lisowski	NO CONTEST
13	Atlanta	w/Don McIntyre vs. Reggie & Stan Lisowski	LOST-DQ
20	Atlanta	Gorgeous George	WON
27	Atlanta	The Giant(AKA Don Lee)	WON

1958

Jan. 3	Atlanta	w/Jackie Nichols vs. Nicoli & Boris Volkoff	LOST
10	Atlanta	Mighty Yankee (Lost Southern Title)	LOST
17	Marietta	w/Jackie Nichols vs. Nicoli & Boris Volkoff	LOST
31	Atlanta	Mike Paidousis	WON
Feb. 7	Atlanta	Nicolli & Boris Volkoff(Handicap)	WON
14	Marietta	Mighty Yankee	DRAW
" "	" "	w/Billy Red Lyons vs. Mighty Yankee & Al Galento	WON
Mar. 7	Houston	Johnny Valentine	LOST
22	Atlanta	w/Rocky Colombo vs. Kurt Von Brauner & Karl Heinkler	LOST
28	Atlanta	Jack Dillon	WON
Apr. 4	Atlanta	w/Billy Red Lyons vs. Mighty Yankee & Don Lee (Lost International Tag Team Title)	LOST
10	Atlanta	Mighty Yankee	DRAW
18	Atlanta	Ronnie Etchison	DRAW
May 2	Atlanta	Kurt Von Brauner	WON
9	Marietta	Mighty Yankee	DRAW
" "	" "	w/Ronnie Etchison & Rocky Colombo vs. Mighty Yankee, Jack Dillon, Bob Shipp	WON
16	Atlanta	Angelo Poffo	WON
23	Atlanta	Jungle Boy	WON
June 13	Atlanta	w/Ronnie Etchison vs. Don Lee & Jack Dillon	
20	Atlanta	w/Ronnie Etchison vs. Kurt Von Brauner & Don Lee	WON
27	Atlanta	Don Lee	WON
July 4	Atlanta	w/Jack Pesek & Frank Townsend vs. Don Lee, Jack Dillon, Bob Shipp	WON
11	Atlanta	Bob Shipp	WON
18	Marietta	w/Jack Pesek & Frank Townsend vs. Fred Blassie, Jack Dillon, Bob Shipp	WON
25	Atlanta	The Skull	DRAW

1958 CONTINUED

Aug. 1	Atlanta w/Don McIntyre vs. Fred Blassie & Angelo Poffo	WON
8	Atlanta The Skull(Unmasked as Nick Carter)	WON
15	Atlanta w/Ronnie Etchison vs. Fred Blassie & Angelo Poffo	NO CONTEST
22	Atlanta Fred Blassie	DRAW
29	Atlanta Fred Blassie	WON
Sept. 5	Atlanta Fred Blassie (Lost Southern Title)	LOST-UTC
12	Atlanta Jack Dillon	WON
19	Atlanta Don Fargo	WON-DQ
26	Atlanta Bronko Lubich	WON
Oct. 3	Atlanta Bronko Lubich	WON
10	Atlanta w/Nick Roberts vs. Fred Blassie & Bob Shipp (Lost International Tag Team Title)	LOST
17	Atlanta Hans Hermann	WON
24	Atlanta w/Chief Little Eagle vs. Fred Blassie & Bob Shipp	WON
31	Atlanta Fred Blassie	WON
Nov. 7	Atlanta Fred Blassie (Won Southern Title)	NO CONTEST
21	Atlanta Fred Blassie	WON
28	Atlanta Ivan Vansky	LOST-DQ
Dec. 12	Atlanta Don Lee	WON
19	Atlanta Dick The Bruiser	DRAW
26	Atlanta w/Chief Little Eagle & Chris Averoff vs. Jack O'Brien, Bob Shipp, Ali Bey	WON
Exact Date?	Indianapolis Gino Angelo	WON
1959		
Jan. 2	Atlanta Fred Blassie (Lost Southern Title)	LOST
9	Atlanta w/Don McIntyre vs. Fred Blassie & Great Bolo	WON
16	Marietta w/Chief Little Eagle & Bennie Matta vs. Fred Blassie, Great Bolo, Jack O'Brien	WON
30	Atlanta Great Bolo	WON-DQ
Feb. 6	Atlanta w/Doug & Johnny Gilbert vs. Fred Blassie, Skull Murphy, Ali Bey	LOST
27	Marietta w/Chief Little Eagle vs. Fred Blassie & Skull Murphy	LOST
Mar. 7	Atlanta Fred Blassie(Boxing Match)	WON 5th Rd.
21	Atlanta w/Don McIntyre vs. Fred Blassie & Skull Murphy	

1959 CONTINUED

Mar. 24	Dallas	Pat O'Connor	LOST
27	Atlanta	w/Don McIntyre vs. Fred Blassie & Skull Murphy	WON
Apr. 3	Atlanta	Skull Murphy	WON-DQ
17	Atlanta	w/Don McIntyre vs. Skull Murphy & Al Mills	LOST
May 1	Atlanta	w/Don McIntyre vs. Skull Murphy & Al Mills	WON
	"	Other report has: " " w/Dick Gunkel(Steinborn) vs. Fred Blassie & Skull Murphy	
8	Atlanta	w/Don McIntyre & Charlie Harben vs. Fred Blassie, Gino Angelo, Gypsy Joe	WON
15	Indianapolis	Hans Hermann	WON
22	Marietta	w/Don McIntyre & Dick Gunkel vs. Fred Blassie, Skull Murphy, Gypsy Joe	LOST
June 12	Atlanta	w/Don McIntyre & Dick Gunkel vs. Fred Blassie & Gypsy Joe	WON
19	Indianapolis	Dick The Bruiser	LOST
26	Houston	Corsica Joe	LOST
July 3	Indianapolis	w/Wilbur Snyder vs. Dick The Bruiser & Angelo Poffo	NO CONTEST
10	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	WON
25	Atlanta	w/Dick Gunkel & Jean Baillargeon vs. Skull Murphy, Gypsy Joe, El Gato	WON
31	Atlanta	w/Jean Baillargeon vs. Skull Murphy & Gypsy Joe	WON
Aug. 6	Indianapolis	Johnny Weaver(Sub for Dr. Bill Miller)	WON
21	Atlanta	El Gato	WON
" "	" "	w/Jim LaRock vs. El Gato & Ed Sharpe	WON
28	Atlanta	w/Jo Ann Spencer vs. Ed Sharpe & Catherine Simpson	LOST
Sept. 4	Atlanta	Ed Sharpe	WON
" "	" "	Also in battle royal won by Fred Blassie	
" "	" "	w/Adrian Baillargeon vs. Ed Sharpe & Gypsy Joe	
Oct. 2	Atlanta	Fred Blassie (Won Southern Title)	WON
Nov. 6	Atlanta	Len Montana	LOST-DQ
20	Atlanta	Ed Sharpe	WON(0:05)

1959 CONTINUED

Dec. 18	Atlanta	w/Dick Gunkel vs. Fred Blassie & Angelo Poffo	WON
25	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	WON-DQ
1960			
Jan. 1	Atlanta	Mike Paidousis	WON
8	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	WON
Feb. 5	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	LOST-UTC
Mar. 5	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	WON
18	Marietta	Judo Jack Terry	WON
" "		w/Haystack Calhoun & Bill Dromo vs. Judo Jack Terry, Fred Blassie, Tokyo Joe	WON
25	Atlanta	w/Chief Little Eagle & Bill Dromo vs. Judo Jack Terry, Tokyo Joe, Crusher Larson	WON
Apr. 1	Atlanta	w/Dick Gunkel vs. George Malkoff & Bad Boy Hines	
8	Atlanta	w/Dick Gunkel vs. Fred Blassie & Eric Pederson	WON
May 18	London	George Gordienko	LOST
June 10	Atlanta	Fred Blassie (Won Southern Title)	WON
17	Atlanta	The Mighty Yankee	LOST
July 15	Marietta	Fred Blassie(Boxing Match)	WON-3rd Rd.
28	Paris	Andre Drapp	LOST
29	Atlanta	w/Bill Dromo & Leo Garibaldi vs. Mr. X, Corsica Jean, Tony Neopolitan	WON
Aug. 12	Atlanta	Gorgeous George	WON
19	Atlanta	w/Don McIntyre vs. Gorgeous George & The Mighty Yankee	No Contest
26	Atlanta	w/Dick Steinborn & Bill Dromo vs. Pretty Boy Nelson, Nicoli & Boris Volkoff	
Sept. 23	Atlanta	The Mighty Yankee (Unmasked as Roger MacKay)	WON
30	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	WON-DQ
Oct. 7	Atlanta	Roy Nelson	WON-DQ
21	Atlanta	Roy Nelson	WON-DQ
28	Atlanta	w/Dick Steinborn vs. Fred Blassie & Roy Nelson	LOST
Nov. 22	Dallas	Sputnik Monroe	LOST
Dec. 23	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	WON-DQ

1960 CONTINUED

Dec. 30 Atlanta w/Chief Little Eagle vs.
Fred & Billy Blassie(McDaniels) WON

1961

Jan. 27 East Point w/Bill Dromo & Tiny Evans vs.
Gypsy Joe, Dan Miller, Red Duggan WON

Feb. 3 Atlanta Gypsy Joe WON

Mar. 15 Los Angeles Billy Varga LOST
31 Atlanta Gypsy Joe WON-DQ

Apr. 28 Atlanta Gypsy Joe WON

May 19 Atlanta Gypsy Joe WON

June 9 Atlanta Dick The Bruiser LOST-DQ
16 Atlanta Dick The Bruiser(Boxing) WON-DQ
23 Atlanta Dr. Jerry Graham WON

July 4 Atlanta Dr. Jerry Graham WON
21 Atlanta Gypsy Joe NO CONTEST
28 Atlanta Tommy Bell

Aug. 4 Atlanta The Sheik NO CONTEST
11 Atlanta The Sheik
18 Atlanta w/Ed Capral vs. Gypsy Joe WON
25 Atlanta The Sheik WON-DQ

Sept. 22 Atlanta Ivan Zukoff WON
29 Atlanta w/Plowboy Frazier vs.
Ivan Zukoff & The Viking WON

Nov. 24 Atlanta w/Don McIntyre vs.
Dr. Jerry Graham & The Assassin WON

Dec. 1 Atlanta w/Don McItyre vs.
The Assassins LOST
(Lost Southern Title)
15 Atlanta w/Dr. Jerry Graham vs.
The Assassins WON-DQ

1962

Apr. 6 Atlanta w/Dick Steinborn vs.
Tojo Yamamoto & Taro Myaki DRAW
20 Atlanta w/Cowboy Bob Ellis vs.
Len Montana & canadian Angel WON
27 Atlanta w/Cowboy Bob Ellis vs.
The Assassins WON

1962 CONTINUED

May 4	Atlanta	w/Cowboy Bob Ellis vs. The Assassins	LOST-DQ
June 1	Atlanta	Tony Barbetta	WON
8	Atlanta	w/Dick Steinborn vs. Kurt & Karl Von Brauner	LOST
22	Atlanta	w/Chief Little Eagle vs. Kurt & Karl Von Brauner	
July 13	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	LOST
20	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	LOST
Aug. 10	Atlanta	Russian Crusher(Tony Angelo)	WON
17	Atlanta	Mr. Moto	WON-DQ
Sept. 14	Atlanta	w/Mr. Moto vs. The Assassins	DRAW
Nov. 16	Atlanta	w/Grizzly Smith & Luke Brown vs. Fred Blassie, Len mOntana, Gypsy Joe	WON
23	Atlanta	Fred Blassie(Boxing)	WON
30	Atlanta	w/Chief Little Eagle & Rito Carreon vs. Fred Blassie, Len MONTANA, Gypsy Joe	WON
Dec. 7	Atlanta	Dick The Bruiser	WON-DQ
14	Atlanta	w/Len Montana vs. Dick The Bruiser & Fred Blassie	LOST

1963

Jan. 4	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	DRAW
22	Dallas	Tarzan Tyler	WON
29	Dallas	Lou Thesz	NO CONTEST
Feb. 5	Dallas	Lou Thesz	DRAW
15	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	WON
Mar. 1	Marietta	w/Chief Little Eagle & Darrel Cochran vs. Len Montana, Prince Omar, George Bell	WON
9	Atlanta	Tarzan Tyler	LOST
Apr. 27	Atlanta	w/Darrell Cochran vs. George Bell & Chris Averoff	WON
May 17	Atlanta	Danny Pleachas	WON
June 7	Atlanta	Corsica Joe	WON
14	Atlanta	Len Montana	WON
21	Atlanta	Carlos Mendoza	WON
28	Atlanta	Lou Thesz	DRAW
July 5	Atlanta	Tarzan Tyler	WON

1963 CONTINUED

Aug. 16 Atlanta w/Don McIntyre & Joe Scarpa vs.
Saul Weingeroff, Kurt & Karl Von Brauner LOST

Sept. 13 Atlanta Mike Paidousis WON
20 Atlanta w/Joe Scarpa vs.
Tarzan Tyler & Len MONTana LOST

Oct. 18 Atlanta w/Chief Little Eagle & Chief Big Heart vs.
Tarzan Tyler, Len Montana, Mighty Hercules WON

Nov. 8 Atlanta w/Chief Little Eagle & Chief Big Heart vs.
Len Montana, Mighty Hercules, The Outlaw WON

Dec. 13 Atlanta Mighty Hercules(Boxing) WON-4th Rd.

1964

Jan. 17 Atlanta Tarzan Tyler WON

Mar. 27 Atlanta Stan Stasiak WON

Apr. 11 Forest Park Red Roberts

May 15 Atlanta Sputnik Monroe LOST
22 Atlanta Sputnik Monroe WON

June 12 Atlanta Len MONTana WON

Sept. 12 Dallas Fritz Von Erich LOST

Nov. 13 Atlanta Lou Thesz DRAW

Dec. 18 Atlanta Lou Thesz LOST

1965

Apr. 24 Atlanta Georgia team w/Jesse James & Greg Peterson vs.
Tenn. team Les Welch, Ronnie Etchison, Tony Milano
30 Atlanta Tarzan Tyler WON

May 7 Atlanta Georgia Team w/Chief Little Eagle & Greg Peterson
vs. Fl. team Eddie Graham, Dick Steinborn, Sam Steamboat
28 Atlanta w/Les Welch vs.
Kurt & Karl Von Brauner LOST

June 4 Atlanta w/Les Welch vs.
Kurt & Karl Von Brauner WON
25 Atlanta Mario Galento WON

July 2 Atlanta Mario Galento WON

1965 CONTINUED

Aug. 13	Atlanta	w/Nick Kozak vs. Mario Galento & Dutch Savage	NO CONTEST
Sept. 10	Atlanta	Fred Blassie	WON-DQ
1966			
Jan. 1	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller & Sputnik Monroe vs. Saul Weingeroff, Karl & Eric Von Brauner	NO CONTEST
Mar. 11	Atlanta	w/Al Costello vs. The Medics	LOST
Apr. 1	Atlanta	w/Enrique Torres vs. The Medics	WON
8	Atlanta	w/Enrique Torres vs. The Medics	NO CONTEST
29	Atlanta	Bad Boy Hines	WON
June 10	Atlanta	Kenny Yates	WON
17	Atlanta	Jack Bence	WON
24	Atlanta	Pancho Rosario	WON
July 1	Atlanta	Evil Eye Valentine	WON
8	Atlanta	Wildman Wehba	WON
15	Atlanta	Kenny Mack	WON
29	Atlanta	George Harris	WON
Aug. 12	Atlanta	John Gudinski	WON
19	Atlanta	Wildman Wehba	WON
26	Atlanta	Golden (Clyde Steeves)	WON
Sept. 2	Atlanta	Golden Terror	LOST
9	Atlanta	Golden Terror	WON
16	Atlanta	Bob Morgan	WON
23	Atlanta	Jim Osborne	WON
30	Atlanta	Chico Cortez	WON
Oct. 14	Atlanta	Golden Terror	WON
21	Atlanta	Don Carson	WON
Nov. 18	Atlanta	Joe Kono	WON
25	Atlanta	Eric Von Brauner	WON
Dec. 2	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Eric Von Brauner & Red Roberts	WON
23	Atlanta	w/Bill Dromo vs. Chris Hardy & Red Raider	WON
31	Atlanta	w/Bill Dromo vs. Eric Von Brauner & Red Raider	

1967

Feb. 24	Atlanta	Oki Shikina	WON
Apr. 14	Atlanta	Bozo Brown	WON
May 12	Atlanta	w/Nick Kozak vs. Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson	
July 7	Atlanta	Dr. Jerry Graham	WON
21	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Dr. Jerry Graham & Black Jack	WON
28	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Louie Tillet & Alex Perez	WON
Aug. 4	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Louie Tillet & Alex Perez	WON
25	Atlanta	Dick Dunn	WON
Sept. 8	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller & Mario Galento vs. Louie Tillet, Alex Perez, Tiny Mills	WON
15	Atlanta	Pedro Godoy	WON
29	Atlanta	Chuck Connerly	WON
Oct. 20	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson	NO CONTEST
27	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson	WON
Dec. 1	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Louie Tillet & Ox Baker	WON
15	Atlanta	Mike Paidousis	WON

1968

Jan. 5	Atlanta	Mike Paidousis or Oki Shikina	WON
12	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Oki Shikina & Dr. M	WON
19	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Butcher & Stan Vachon	WON
Mar. 1	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Tarzan Tyler & El Mongol	NO CONTEST
22	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Jack Bence & Bob Morgan	WON
29	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. El Gauchos	WON
Apr. 12	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller vs. Okuma & Kojika	WON
May 3	Atlanta	w/Buddy Fuller & Jim Wilson vs. Okuma, Kojika, & Oki Shikina	LOST

1968 CONTINUED

May 10	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Hans Schmidt & El Mongol	NO CONTEST
24	Atlanta Enrique & Alberto Torres vs. Okuma, Kojika, & Oki Shikina	WON
June 14	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Duke Keomuka & El Mongol	WON
28	Atlanta w/Bill Dromo vs. Guilotine Gordon & Bob Morgan	WON
July 12	Atlanta w/Mario Galento vs. Guilotine Gordon & BOB Morgan	WON
19	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller & Mario Galento vs. Okuma, Kojika, Oki Shikina	WON
26	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Butcher Vachon & Guilotine Gordon	WON
Aug. 2	Atlanta w/Bob Armstrong vs. Okuma & Kojika	WON
9	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Butcher Vachon & The Reptile	WON
16	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Tarzan Tyler & Brute Bernard	WON
23	Atlanta w/Mario Galento vs. Butcher Vachon & Ed Perez	WON
30	Atlanta Guilotine Gordon	WON
Sept. 27	Atlanta w/Bill Dromo vs. Jim Starr & Billy Garrett	WON
Oct. 4	Atlanta Joe Turco (Bob Boyer subbed for Ray in above match)	
11	Atlanta Bozo Brown	WON
18	Atlanta w/Bill Dromo vs. Butcher & Stan Vachon	WON
Nov. 1	Atlanta Billy Garrett	WON
8	Atlanta w/Bill Dromo vs. Seiji Sakaguchi & The Outlaw	WON
15	Atlanta w/Bill Dromo vs. Jim Starr & Billy Garrett	WON
22	Atlanta w/Bill Dromo vs. Butcher & Stan Vachon	WON
29	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller & Bill Dromo vs. Mad Dog, Butcher, & Stan Vachon	WON
Dec. 6	Atlanta w/Bill Dromo vs. The Assassins	LOST
13	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Seiji Sakaguchi & Oki Shikina	WON

1968 CONTINUED

Dec. 20	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins (Lost World's Tag Team Title)	LOST
27	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Seiji Sakaguchi & Stan Vachon	WON-DQ

1969

Jan. 3	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Seiji Sakaguchi & Stan Vachon	WON
10	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins	WON
17	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Dale Lewis & Seiji Sakaguchi	WON
24	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Kamikazes	WON
31	Atlanta w/El Mongol & Buddy Fuller vs.. The Assassins & The Pro(Doug Gilbert)	NO CONTEST
Feb. 7	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Assassin #2 & The Pro	LOST
21	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller & Jim Wilson vs. The Assassins & The Pro	WON
28	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins	WON-DQ
Mar. 14	Atlanta w/Louie Tillet vs. The Assassins	WON-DQ
21	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Assassin #2 & The Pro (Won Georgia Tag Team Title)	WON
29	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins (Won World's Tag Team Title)	WON
Apr. 4	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins	LOST-DEC.
May 2	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Dale Lewis & Scandor Akbar	WON
9	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Dale Lewis & Tarzan Tyler	WON
16	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins	WON
June 6	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Los Toros	WON
20	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Assassin #1 & Paul DeMarco	WON
27	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Bad Boy & Billy Boy Hines	WON

1969 CONTINUED

July 4	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Los Toros	WON
11	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Buck Robley & Tony Nero	WON
18	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Mr. Ito & Chati Youkouchi	WON
25	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Super Assassins	WON-DQ
Aug. 1	Atlanta Mr. Ito	WON-DQ
8	Atlanta Dick Dunn	WON
15	Atlanta Chati Youkouchi	WON-DQ
22	Atlanta Tony Nero	WON
29	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Mr. Ito & Chati Youkouchi	WON
Sept. 5	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Super Assassins	WON-DQ
12	Atlanta Tony Romano	WON
19	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassin & Big Tex (Stan Frazier)	WON
26	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Vinie Lopez & Tony Romano	WON
Oct. 10	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins (Won Georgia Tag Team Title)	WON
31	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Vinie Lopez & Tony Nero	WON
Nov. 28	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Duke Keomuka & Smasher Sloan	WON
Dec. 5	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins	WON
12	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller & The Pro vs. The Assassins & Nick Bockwinkel	WON
19	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller & The Pro vs. The Assassins & Nick Bockwinkel	LOST
26	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller & Leo Garibaldi vs. Buddy Colt, Paul DeMarco, Homer O'Dell	LOST
1970		
Jan. 16	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Blue Demons	WON
30	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins	WON
Feb. 6	Atlanta Mr. Fuji	WON
13	Atlanta Bill Kane	WON
20	Atlanta Chati Youkouchi	WON-DQ

1970 CONTINUED

Mar. 20	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins	WON-DQ
27	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins (Won Georgia Tag Team Title)	WON
Apr. 10	Atlanta Mr. Fuji	WON
May 1	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Karl Von Stroheim & Prof. Kimura	WON
8	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Buddy Colt & Prof. Kimura	WON
15	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Chati Youkouchi & Mr. Fuji	WON
June 12	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Buddy Colt & Karl Von Stroheim	WON-DQ
26	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller & Leo Garibaldi vs. Buddy Colt, Karl Von Stroheim, Homer O'Dell	WON
July 3	Atlanta w/Robert Fuller vs. The Invaders	WON
"	Atlanta w/Robert Fuller vs. Buddy Colt & Homer O'Dell	LOST-DQ
10	Atlanta Karl Von Stroheim	WON
17	Atlanta El Lobo	WON
24	Atlanta w/El Mongol vs. Karl Von Stroheim & Cisco Grimaldo	WON
31	Atlanta w/El Mongol vs. The Assassins	LOST-DQ
Aug. 7	Atlanta W/El Mongol & The Pro vs. The Assassins & Buddy Colt	WON
14	Atlanta Bob Kaiser	WON
21	Atlanta Mike Paidousis	WON
28	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. Scandor Akbar & Tim Tyler	
Sept. 4	Atlanta W/Buddy Fuller & El Mongol vs. The Assassins & Scandor Akbar	WON
11	Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs. The Assassins	LOST-DQ
18	Atlanta Masked Cougar	WON
25	Atlanta Scandor Akbar	WON
Oct. 2	Atlanta w/El Mongol & Bobby Shane vs. The Assassins & Paul DeMarco	WON
9	Atlanta w/Wilbur Snyder vs. The Assassins	NO CONTEST
23	Atlanta w/The Pro vs. Mr. Ito & Great Ota	WON

1971 CONTINUED

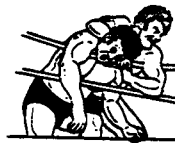
Aug. 20 Atlanta w/El Mongol vs.
The Assassins WON
27 Atlanta W/El Mongol, The Pro, George Scott vs.
The Assassins, Buddy Colt, Big John WON
Sept. 3 Atlanta Big John WON-DQ
Oct. 15 Atlanta Big John WON
Nov. 5 Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs.
Big John & Mr. X
12 Atlanta Big John WON
19 Atlanta Mr. X WON
Dec. 17 Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs.
The Assassins WON
(Won Georgia Tag Team Title)
1972
Mar. 10 Atlanta w/Buddy Fuller vs.
The Assassins WON
June 9 Atlanta Ox Baker WON
30 Atlanta Ox Baker WON
July 21 Atlanta w/Bobo Brazil & Vittorio Apollo vs.
The Assassins & Ox Baker WON
Aug. 1 Savannah Ox Baker
(Ray died of a heart attack following this bout)

From the publishers of "Whatever Happened to ...?"
... another great publication that chronicles wrestling "the way it used to be!"

"Rasslin' Results"

Rasslin' Results

1957



Memphis,
Tennessee

Please send the following issue(s) of *Rasslin' Results*:

☐ #1 (MT'50) ☐ #2 (MT'51) ☐ #3 (MT'52) ☐ #4 (MT'53) ☐ #5 (MT'54) ☐ #6 (MT'55)
☐ #7 (MT'56) ☐ #8 (MT'57) ☐ #9 (MT'58) ☐ #10 (MT'59) ☐ #11 (MT'60) ☐ #12 (MT'61)
☐ #13 (MT'62) ☐ #14 (MT'64) ☐ #15 (TF'71) ☐ #16 (TFTV'71) ☐ #17 (TF'72) ☐ #18 (TFTV'72)
☐ #19 (AG'71) ☐ #20 (AG'74) ☐ #21 (AG'85) ☐ #22 (AGTV'71) ☐ #23 (JF'74) ☐ #24 (NT'47)
☐ #25 (NT'48) ☐ #26 (NT'55) ☐ #27 (NT'56) ☐ #28 (NT'57) ☐ #29 (NT'58) ☐ #30 (NT'60)
☐ #31 (NT'61) ☐ #32 (NT'62) ☐ #33 (NT'63) ☐ #34 (NT'64) ☐ #35 (NT'65) ☐ #36 (NT'66)
☐ #37 (NT'68) ☐ #38 (AT'68) ☐ #39 (AT'69) ☐ #40 (AT'70) and more in the works!

MT = Memphis, TN ■ TF = Tampa, FL ■ AG = Atlanta, GA ■ JF = Jacksonville, FL
TFTV = Tampa TV ■ AG = Atlanta TV ■ AT = Amarillo, TX ■ NT = Nashville, TN

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Only \$1.50 per issue

SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO: P.O. Box 2781, Hendersonville TN 37077-2781

IN EACH ISSUE

- Match results for an entire year from the major territories during the "Golden Age of Wrestling"
- Details on all major title changes
- Stipulations of matches
- Great for historical reference

City Auditorium ... WRESTLING PROGRAM ...

NO. 294 — FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1951 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

WORLD CHAMPION LOUIS THESZ KNOWS HE IS HEADED FOR TROUBLE!



Ray Gunkel

Louis Thesz



Louis Thesz knows wrestling and he knows a wrestler when he sees one so it doesn't take a lot of prompting for him to realize that he is in for one of the toughest tests he has ever had in any ring when he meets Ray Gunkel tonight. Ray has run up an amazing string of matches here without defeat and his record elsewhere in the country prior to that has been equally astonishing.

The only department in the game where Thesz out-rates Gunkel is experience and Ray hopes to more

than make up for that with his extra speed, extra weight and his extra strength. But it is in the youth category that Ray will shine, he has 8 years on Thesz and while Lou has been chalking up experience during those years the challenger will have the vim and enthusiasm that being young and being a challenger can give you.

It should be a great match but champion Louis Thesz thinks it will be a tough one.

Texas Champion Ray Gunkel In Semi Newcomer Allbert Makes Grade

Allbert Best Dallas Hope Since Kennedy

The states of California, Utah, Illinois, Missouri and the Hawaiian Islands and Mexico has native wrestlers in action on the card tonight.

Also, two of them are from Texas, Jack Kennedy and Gene Albert, both of Dallas. Their careers are as far apart as they possibly could be but their story is nearly the same.

Young Albert is in his second pro match, while Kennedy is in his fifteenth or sixteenth year of wrestling. The only other Dallas wrestler of note is Dirty Dick Raines, who is currently in an Australian snowstorm from last reports.

As long as Dallas has been the number one wrestling town it seems as though more than two matmen would represent the nation's top mat citadel.

That's the way Gene Albert looks at it. And he's working hard at it. His match last week wasn't sensational. But he showed he had courage, ability and determination to go along with his well-proportioned physique. He's also young and ambitious.

Understandably the requirements for a wrestler starting out are the same as for a young business executive, except that the wrestler has to have a fine build, be a little faster thinking and be free to travel and willing to take

(Continued on Page 8)

Gunkel Elated Over First Pro Championship

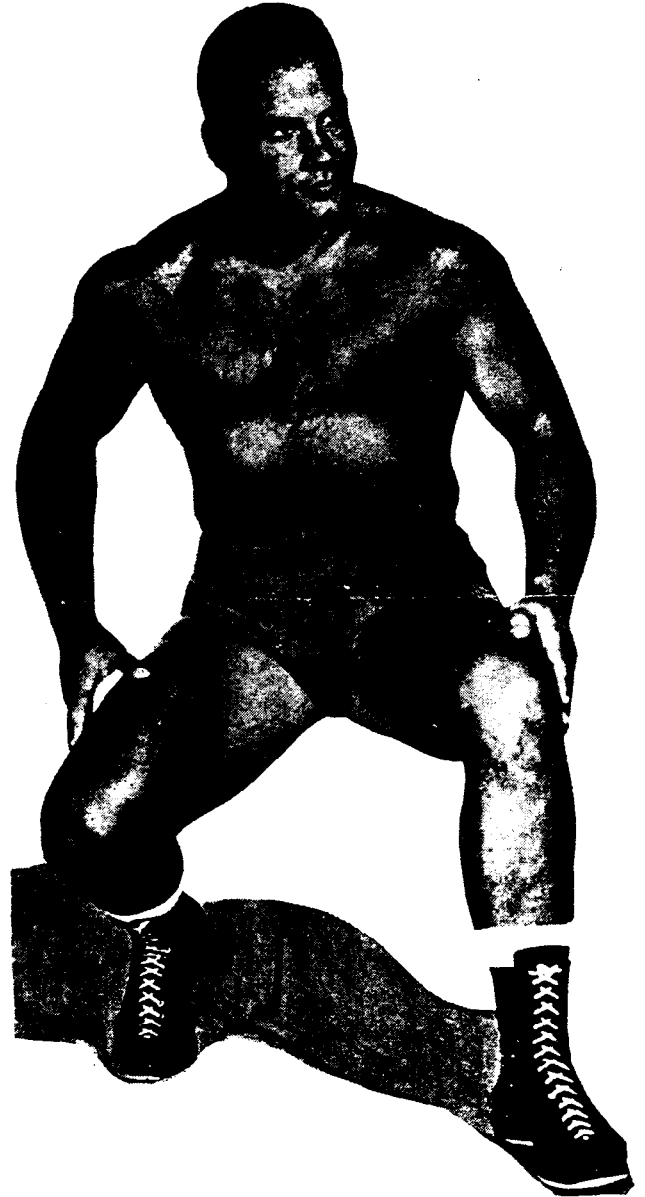
Young Ray Gunkel has dreamed a long time about winning his first pro wrestling title. He thought he was still dreaming last Tuesday night when he was awakened by Referee Leo Voss and handed the Texas heavyweight belt.

In so doing, Ray turned in his second straight, two-fall win over Duke Keomuka, deposed titleholder. After winning the first fall with a belated back drop, Ray was awarded the deciding second fall by disqualification.

The Texas belt, second in prestige only to the world junior-heavy and heavy mat belts, is a prized distinction in the mat world.

In college at Purdue Ray won every meet imaginable. He even defeated the outstanding college wrestler of the half-century, Vern Gagne. Ray modestly points out that it was at a time when Vern had just returned from the Marines and was a little bit rusty at wrestling. The match was an inter-school meet, and not a national tourney, so it didn't blemish Gagne's record.

As Texas Champion young Ray has loudly announced that he will meet all challengers. His match tonight is non-title for the reason that it is a 1-fall bout and is overshadowed by the imminent return meeting of Danny's Savich and McShane in the main go.



RAY GUNKEL

Ray garnered titles in other sports as a college athlete. He's a great swimmer. And some of his "gracefulness" in the ring is because of his ice-skating ability. He really moves his 230 pounds

of muscle even in 110-degree choking heat. Should Ray successfully maintain the belt into next month he would be the outstanding challenger for Champ Lou Thesz.

**We have grown
because we have helped
others grow**

MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

RAY OKAYS STARR!

Sensational Starr Given Boost By Champ Gunkel

Texas champion Ray Gunkel has nothing but praise for his college mate Ricki Starr, the sensational young matman who bowed in in such a big way last week. For all practical purposes, Gunkel isn't echoing the praises of Doc Sarpolis who has already come out for Starr, nor is Ray building up a fellow Purdue wrestling star.

Gunkel is merely giving credit where credit is due. And Starr is due some worthy adjectives. Matchmaker Sarpolis predicted it, Gunkel endorsed it, and Starr, himself, proved he had something new and good for grappling.

Starr's showing last week earned him a decision over hard-to-beat George The Great Scott, and entitled him to a semi-final with Duke Keomuka tonight.

Ray Gunkel wasn't idle last week. Ray was running up a win over Ivan Kalmikoff on the card that proved to be a field day for scientific stars. Grapplers who turned in wins last week were Starr, Gunkel, Jack Kennedy, Rolando Vera and Kit Fox from the scientific school and only Mr. Moto from the rough-house division.

And out of these outstanding scientific grapplers' victories, Starr's stood out. That was because of his energetic ring style that thoroughly tested the Great Scott. Scott was in there every minute as was Starr. But after fifteen minutes, the judges' nod went unanimously to Starr.

Starr among other feats, kicked off the mat from a head scissors, did a back flip and bounced back into Scott with a drop-kick in a split second. Several cartwheels were also thrown in.

Gunkel previously expressed himself about Starr's ability when he stated that Ricki would have given him too much competition if he (Starr) had been a heavyweight during Purdue days. Ray, of course, won the school's heavy title and then took the national title in the AAU.

At that time Starr weighed only about
July 22, 1952



RAY GUNKEL

175. That's the same weight he carried when he turned pro. Up in Starr's St. Louis neighborhood such matmen as Leo Newman and Al Szasz are his logical foes. Starr got his pro schooling there.

Newman, a Dallas favorite, recommended him for some Texas tutelage. This is it. Already Starr is going against such big names as the Great Scott and Duke Keomuka. And the Texas champ Ray Gunkel is ready to admit that Starr has just about as much claim as he does on being the best wrestler in Texas.

Starr may never pack the poundage to win the world's heavyweight title but just think what a threat he will be in the junior heavy ranks! He and his ex-schoolmate Ray Gunkel could easily be rated as a top team after the Texas tag-team championship held jointly by Mr. Moto and Duke Keomuka.

Starr has plenty of good matches coming up. He definitely has that something "new" that will always keep wrestling going.

PURDUE STARS TEAM

Texas Champ Gunkel And Starr Join Forces

Duke Keomuka won another one last week. And Ricki Starr lost his first one. Same match. That was last week's semi-final. Duke's sleeper and usual good luck turned the trick.

However, no one is discounting the loss by Starr. The young Purdue mat ace is still receiving terrific backing from all quarters, especially from such mat big wigs as Matchmaker Sarpolis and Texas champion Ray Gunkel.

Gunkel is still one hundred per cent for Starr. Ray asked for Starr as a team-to-night against the Danny Savich-Great Scott combination in the special event.

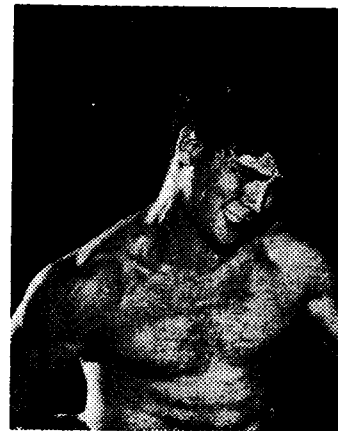
Starr was still sensational last week even in losing. A bad break accounted for his loss in a major way. He missed a drop kick. Fuji, seconding for Keomuka, upset him by clawing at him near the ropes. And finally, young Starr got his first taste of the sleeper.

Ray Gunkel sums it up as—"Inexperience—which in turn accounts for over anxiousness and as a result he lost. But I don't think the Duke would ever beat him again in a 20-minute match. In fact, I believe Rick would throw Keomuka."



RAY GUNKEL

July 29, 1952



RICKIE STARR

Forgetting about Keomuka for the moment Gunkel observed that he and Starr are going against some mighty rough competition in the team bout when they face Savich and Scott. Ray isn't worried about Starr holding up his end.

Starr certainly made a lot of fans last week. The big turnout seemed to applaud his every move. And it looked as though he was going for his second straight win against top talent. Had the match gone a little longer to a decision, the nod would have probably gone to Starr with all things justly considered.

Starr is short on pro experience and the shortage should be noticeable by the number of draws he will have on his record for, say, the next three or four months. That is intended to signify that Ricki does not yet have a sure fire pinning hold.

Take any consistent winner and he will have a favorite hold. Gunkel has his flying front scissors; Duke has his judo and sleeper; Guzman has the scissors; Savich, the neck-twister, and so on. Starr could easily develop some of these maneuvers and most likely will before long.

At Purdue, Gunkel and Starr's Alma mater, Starr was the best of the light heavyweights approximately three years and fifty pounds below Gunkel. Ray has watched Starr's successful amateur career and is now ready to lend a helping hand in his pro career.

(Continued on Page 6)

Dallas Wrestling

PAPPY'S SHOWLAND WHERE YOU SEE WRESTLERS OF PROVEN ABILITY

Volume 1, Number 15

Tuesday, April 21, 1953 . . . Dallas, Texas

Price 10¢

Gunkel Says "Here's My Belt, Come and Take It! . . .

If You're Man Enough"

Ray Gunkel, thoroughly disgusted with the nondescript horde of title claimants that has erupted because of a desire to hurt wrestling, has thrown down the gauntlet to any and all men who believe they have a claim to any title:

"I'm sick and tired of listening to these guys shooting off their mouths," said Ray finally. "Washed up farmers and anybody else who can find an old belt and dust it off are claiming to be champions.

"Well, I claim to be a champion too. I am recognized by the State of Texas as undisputed champion of Texas. Why haven't these so-called great wrestlers challenged me? Is it because they know I am right here, on the spot, ready to pick up the challenge at a moments notice? Is it because they know I will go into the ring, the gym or the alley with them at any time, for any cause, and without pay? Is it because they know I would pick up their challenge and put an end to their fantastic claims?

"The people in Dallas know me. They have seen me wrestle and have made up their mind about my ability. I did not come here as a champion, I didn't shake the mothballs off an old belt and not explain where I had been or what I had been doing since winning a belt that should have been the biggest moment in my life. I didn't stay quiet for 13 years about a mythical title. I proved my ability.

"Well, I'm ready to prove it again at any time. I'm more than willing to meet any guy who thinks he is champion and wants to dispute my title with me. And let any guy who doesn't pick that challenge up shut his mouth, put his tail between his legs and crawl back where he belongs and be branded as a phony."



Champion Ray Gunkel

KEOMUKA PICKS UP INVITATION!

Duke Keomuka was the first man to step forward and pick up Ray Gunkel's invitation for a crack at the Texas crown. The Duke is not a claimant to the world's title, he is an honest man and firmly believes he can win the Texas state title from Gunkel and is willing to try it.

The Duke has all the ammunition with which to win a title. His judo slash and sleep hold are an arsenal that have few equals among the muscle men in the wrestling world and he eyes the diamond studded belt of the champion with a great desire to wear it around his own poi-packed middle.

He will go all out to win the title and the belt tonight.



Duke Keomuka

Dallas Wrestling

PAPPY'S SHOWLAND WHERE YOU SEE WRESTLERS OF PROVEN ABILITY

Volume 1, Number 16

Tuesday, April 28, 1953 . . . Dallas, Texas

Price 10¢

Some Words of Truth About Champions..

REAL AND PHONY



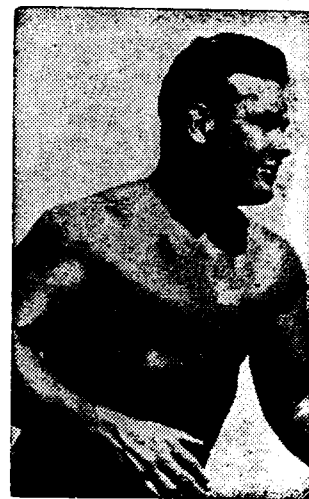
Lou Thesz
A REAL CHAMPION

For the past several months you wrestling fans in Dallas have been subjected to a propaganda barrage unequalled in the annals of sport. A devilish diatribe designed on the concept that you, the wrestling fans of this area, are a bunch of morons who can be convinced by charges and challenges instead of ability and performance.

This effort to insult your intelligence has **not** come from promoter Norman Clark or matchmaker Doc Sarpolis who have stuck steadily to their jobs to provide you with the best wrestling in the country and your response indicates that you like the type of wrestling you are getting.

But let us look at the source of this propaganda of desperation, the other place promoting wrestling in Dallas. In January when the country's best wrestlers moved to Clark and Pappy's Showland because they wanted a fair deal, the promoter at the other place was sold on the idea of presenting a man as "champion." Sight unseen, he grasped at the idea and proceeded to try to humiliate the very man he had truthfully told you for years was the logical, legitimate and recognized champion of the world.

When this so called "champion" appeared here the Dallas fans refused to accept him. They took one look at his all too apparent lack of ability and helped him achieve his ONE distinction in Dallas . . . he has drawn the fewest people and the



Ray Gunkel
A REAL CHAMPION

least amount of money ever taken in at a Tuesday night wrestling show in Dallas!

Yet, the promoter at this other place was stuck with him. He had called him a "champion" and he couldn't call someone else "champion" the next week, so he decided to make the best of a bad bargain. How? By challenging the best, most capable, toughest man he could find, he honestly knew who that man was because he had rightfully been telling you Dallas fan his name for years . . . Louis Thesz.

And what about the "champion" he selected? How and where and when did he win the "title?" Well we aren't told much about it except that he is supposed to have beaten Everett Marshall in 1940! The truth of the matter is that Louis Thesz won the title from Marshall on February 23, 1939 and Marshall did not have a title to lose in 1940! To make it positive, Lou again defeated Marshall on March 24, 1939 in Houston!

Well, where did this "champion" defend his title in the 13 long years since then? No one knows. It is claimed that he has not lost a match since then. **The truth is that records prove he has lost many matches, in preliminaries and not billed as a champion or even a main eventer.**

The truth of the matter is that the "champion" is an unknown . . . even among the members of his own profession!

Even the man who proclaims him as "champion" never heard of him until the final months of last year! Proof? Well, in the 13 years since the "champion" won the title the man in the other place has also been promoting weekly shows. At an average of 50 a year this means about 650

wrestling cards. It also means that he has written, published and sold programs on each of these 650 occasions . . . and think of it . . . the name of the "champion" was never mentioned in a SINGLE ONE of these programs prior to the date of appointment as champion by his only supporter in January of this year!

Last week the promoter in this other place went to the newspaper with a story. He would, he said, give a thousand dollars to anyone who could arrange a match between his "champion" and the winner of Ray Gunkel and Duke Keomuka last week. The match, he said in his quoted statement could take place on this Tuesday night and it could be either at Pappy's Showland or in the other place.

When Ray Gunkel won last week's match he went to Doc Sarpolis and insisted that he pick up that challenge.

Doc looked over the statement and said, "Well it says right here that he will give a thousand dollars to anyone who can sign the match and if you are willing then we will have it next week. I'll take the thousand and give it to a good charity."

So the match between Ray Gunkel and the "champion" was advertised. We think the "champion's" appointer was talking way over the ability of his "champion" and there is a possibility that he may not appear to fulfill the requirements of his own challenge even though Ray is ready.

Promoter Norman Clark decided to put on his full card and then just put the Gunkel answer to a phony on as an extra added attraction so you won't lose whether he shows or not!

Dallas Wrestling

PAPPY'S SHOWLAND WHERE YOU SEE WRESTLERS OF PROVEN ABILITY

Volume 1, Number 21

Tuesday, June 2, 1953 . . . Dallas, Texas

Price 10c

Wild Bill Longson Eyes Match With Champion Louis Thesz! BUT SO DOES GUNKEL!



Wild Bill Longson

FACTS: In case you have been confused in reading about "Big houses" and "huge crowds" at the "other place" holding wrestling here in Dallas here are the facts . . . last week the other place drew a new low, low, low of \$442. here at Pappy's we quadrupled them with better than \$1600.00. Thank you fans.



Ray Gunkel

Wild Bill Longson, the roughest man ever to hold the world's heavyweight title is making his first appearance here in Dallas tonight in some time . . . and Bill has fire in his eyes! The Wild Man who terrorized wrestling circles for almost five years as the recognized champion of the world is determined to hold the title again.

That puts two men in the ring tonight who have similar ambitions. Ray Gunkel, the only recognized champion of Texas, has hurled a defy at Lou and wants to be assured a chance at the title.

Whether either of the men gets the title shot will be up to promoter Norman Clark who holds a signed contract handed him by Louis Thesz. Tentatively, Clark has narrowed his choice down to Longson, Gunkel, Kowalski and Curry and will make his final selection based on the man with the best proven record against top notch opponents who have also proven themselves.

Thesz is in greater demand across the country now than he has ever been before. His ability is more universally recognized and praised at this time than it has ever been but both Gunkel and Longson want a chance to upset that reputation.

Dallas Wrestling

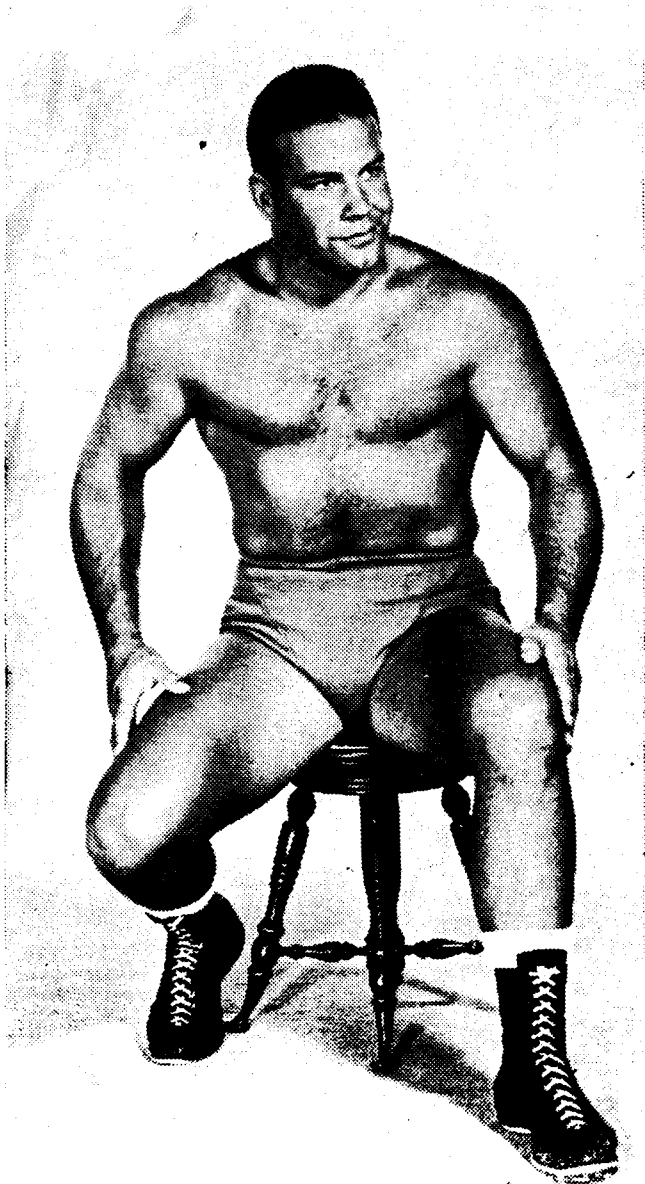
PAPPY'S SHOWLAND WHERE YOU SEE WRESTLERS OF PROVEN ABILITY

Volume 1, Number 25

Tuesday, June 30, 1953 . . . Dallas, Texas

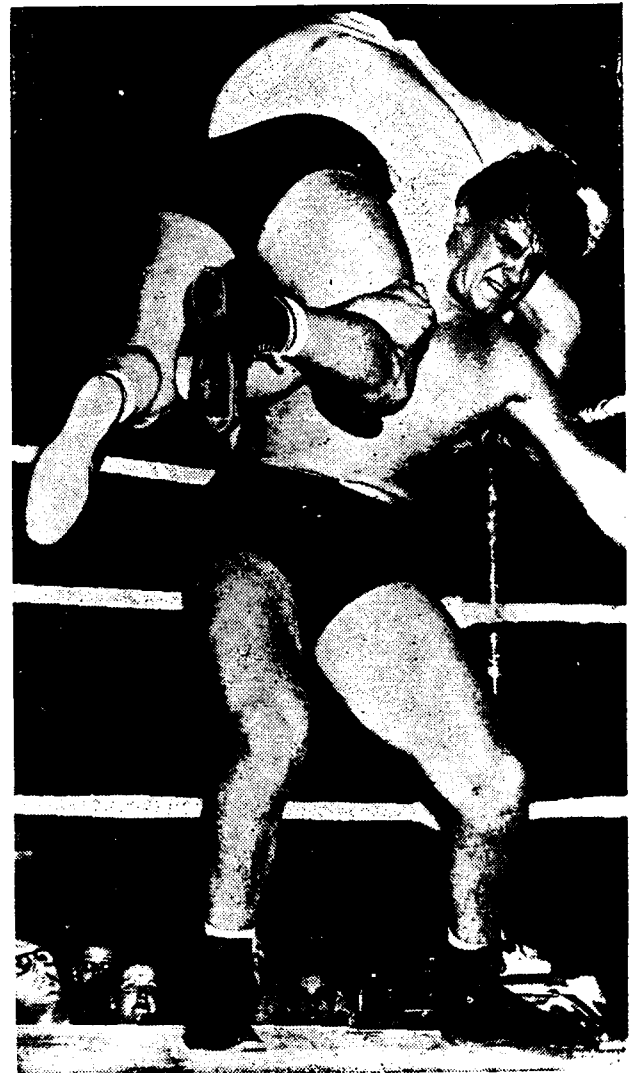
Price 10c

Top Men in Game Battle for Number Two Spot!



Ray Gunkel

There is no doubt that promoter Norman Clark has the top talent in the mat game solidly behind him here in Dallas. Last week the biggest crowd to see a wrestling match in Dallas this year crowded into Pappy's to see the world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz defend his title successfully against the world's toughest matman, Bull Curry.



Killer Kowalski

Tonight Clark has signed the game's number two man, Killer Kowalski, to meet the game's number three rating, Ray Gunkel. It is a feat few promoters have accomplished, to present the finest wrestlers in the world with such consistency.

And it happens at a time when Mr. Clark's opposition has slipped to a new low in confidence with the public by using the devious device of covering up amateurs with masks in order to advertise them as men with reputations of employing other tactics which promise to lower his battered reputation even further.

GUNKEL A CHICAGOAN

The state of Texas has been having a ruckus with Chicago over its claims on the bold performances of Ray Gunkel, the college-bred wrestling man who holds the Lone Star crown.

Though he was born and raised in the Windy City, there comes word from Texas promoters that "he's really a Texan at heart. Chicago didn't treat him half as well as we did."

That may well be. It isn't the first time a fellow had to leave his home environs to achieve success at his chosen game. But Gunkel



RAY GUNKEL

had a good stretch of sports prominence in the midwest before sashaying down South. And he was growing steadily as a fine scientific wrestler. It was only that Texas caught him at his peak, and was able to make him sheriff of Dallas—even offer the fellow an oil well or two—before homesickness returned him to Chicago.

Gunkel is 28, weighs 225 and stands six-feet-one. He had first found a love for sports at Kelvyn Park High on Chicago's West Side, where he wrestled and played football and baseball. Then came a stretch of ice-skating. He earned a Silver Skates trophy from the Chicago Tribune. Down at Purdue University, he captained the grid team two years, earned a degree and, as a wrestler, swept the AAU

and NCAA crowns. Billy Thom, one time Olympic coach, was a special advisor to Ray. And maybe Thom sensed that the well-built chunk of man was cut out for the pro game. He didn't object when an Indianapolis promoter gave Gunkel an initial opportunity to grapple for cash. There came a period of bouncing around on Chicago cards before the nomad bug hit Ray and he was off for the South, with a style that Texas came to appreciate.

Some observers maintained that "they had so many ruffians and eye-gougers down there that a clean operator like Ray had no trouble gaining a following."

Whatever the case, he needed no six guns or diehard tradition or birthright to satisfy the Texas public. And the state adopted him.

HERE AND THERE

Miss Laurie Fuchs sends a nice letter praising the magazine and also a nice poem on wrestling. Sorry, we cannot print it... lack of space. Laurie likes Verne Gagne. Miss Fuchs is from Leland, Illinois.

Mrs. V. M. Breithaupt and her husband and whole family from Dubuque, Iowa, are disturbed over the rough tactics used by the Sharpe Brothers. She states that there should be a rematch between the Sharpes and Melby and Darnell. Maybe Promoter Fred Kohler can sign this bout.

Plenty of praise for Verne Gagne and Sports Showcase from Marigold. A letter and a poem from S. Peter Gott from Scranton, Pa., with a poem cannot be printed for lack of space.

Miss Connie Chase, of Massena, N. Y., wants more news from Montreal and how about Johnny Rougeau and The Great Yamato should be banned from wrestling. She likes Verne Gagne. Maybe Barry Penhale will write us about Johnny Rougeau.

D. S. W. of Toledo, Ohio, wants to know where Chuck Molnar is wrestling. Can anyone tell us?

Guzman in Arizona

Tucson—Black Guzman has invaded Tucson for several matches.

Portland Personalities

By Mary Jo Mercer

Portland, Ore.—Few newcomers are greeted as warmly as the newest arrival on the Portland wrestling scene—Carl Engstrom. From his first match the fans have been 100% on his side.

He is a fast, clever, scientific wrestler whose ability far exceeds what would normally be expected of a wrestler so young in years and with such a short history of professional wrestling.

Although born in Sweden, he came to this country when but a child and now calls Chicago his home. He has only been wrestling professionally from 3 to 3½ years and yet handles himself in the ring like a veteran.

He plans to stay in the Northwest for several months and to meet the best in this area—hoping that by showing he is able to hold his own with the wrestlers now appearing here, he will be able to get a World's Heavyweight Title match. Although he has no personal dislike for Eric "The Magnificent" Pederson he did single him out as one he would most like to defeat—partly because he does not approve of Mr. Pederson's style and is desirous of showing the fans that a wrestler using legal tactics can defeat those using the most villainous measures. This talented youngster is only 26 years old and unmarried.

Wurth in Canada

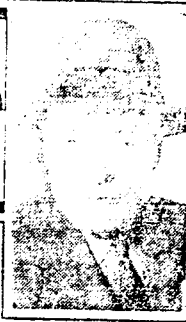
Steve Wurth, young Australian middleweight has been wrestling in the Canadian territory.

Photos are Available

Photos of wrestling television stars are now available to those who would desire to order them. They are on sale at twenty-five cents each at the office of the Fred Kohler Enterprises, Inc., 817 Grace Street, Chicago 13, Ill.

If you desire a eight by ten gloss photo of any of the stars who are appearing or have appeared in the Marigold Arena in Chicago, send check or money order, twenty-five cents for each photo to Fred Kohler Enterprises, Inc., 817 Grace Street, Chicago 13, Illinois.

THE VOICE OF WRESTLING BY DICK AXMAN



The spectacular and color that crops up in wrestling from time to time is what keeps the sport a lively topic with the fans. The new combination of Jack Dempsey, one of the great sport figures of all times, managing Ray Gunkel, Chicago's talented youngster will start a wave of publicity around the nation that is good for wrestling.

Dempsey has long sought a talented heavyweight wrestler to take under his wing. His signing to manage Gunkel is an ideal combination, both for the old "Manassa Mauler" and for Gunkel.

Ray has a solid background in sports that has been an achievement and is the sort that will also give Dempsey prestige. Gunkel was born in the Windy City but journeyed to Texas to gain his first pro fame in wrestling. He now holds the Texas State heavyweight title.

Gunkel who is of German extraction, now lives on the north side in Chicago. He is 28 years of age and weighs 235 pounds. He stands six feet, two inches in height. He has been wrestling professionally for five years.



RAY GUNKEL

Gunkel was a life guard on Chicago's north side beaches for five years. He is an excellent swimmer. He graduated from Purdue University in 1947 and lacked but three hours of obtaining a Masters Degree. He hopes some day when his wrestling days are over to teach Social Science and Physical Education. He now holds licenses to teach in Indiana and Illinois.

At Purdue U. Ray was captain of the wrestling team and played football. He has won the National A.A.U. mat title in 1947-48. He got the fastest fall in amateur wrestling, gaining a fall in twenty-five seconds when he won the National A.A.U. meet in 1947. Gunkel also claims the fastest fall in pro wrestling defeating Duke Keomuka in Texas in three seconds and eight tenths.

He won over Mr. Moto to gain the Texas State title. His wrestling career has taken him to Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and Canada and of course throughout the United States. In addition to his other sport achievements, Ray is a crackerjack ice skater. His best holds in wrestling are flying body scissors, tackles, drop kicks and body slams. He likes action packed holds to gain his end.

Ray has a lot of fan clubs and they are loyal to him, because of his fine personality and his willingness to cooperate in every wish of his fans. He will be doubly popular now with Jack Dempsey as his manager. It is the hope of Dempsey to appear in Ray's corner in the majority of the latter's matches.

Oh yes, Ray was recently married and this new inspiration will be added to his other incentives to try and gain the heavyweight title some day. He has the ambition and the ability to gain the top and there is no reason why he should not make the grade. We wish him good luck in all his ventures.

Near Fourth Year

Bob McCune is going into his fourth year as a pro wrestler.

Convict—I have a complaint.

Warden—What is it?

Convict—There are not enough exits here.

HERE-N-THERE

Miss Phyllis Simpson of Joliet wishes to know whether Verne Gagne is married. Yes, he is and to a beautiful girl. Miss Simpson would like to join a Verne Gagne Fan Club. Will the president of the club please write to Miss Simpson at 105 Patterson Road, Joliet, Illinois.

Jack Marsh writes to inquire of the name of Ben Sharpe's son. We shall ask him when we see him. Sorry, Mr. Marsh but the picture you enclosed in your letter is too blurred to print. Also the faces on the pictures are not distinguishable. P.S. We understand that Ben has three sons and the oldest is named Phil.

Jim Phalen of Brooklyn, likes the magazine and wants more eastern news. We shall try to arrange to give it to him.

Letter from Al Grossman, of Pine Brook, N. J., asking why Argentina Rocca is not wrestling certain opponents. We are not matchmakers, but we believe that Rocca will get around to wrestling any opponent signed by promoters.

Mrs. E. Neuni of Kingston, N.Y., wants everyone to know that Don Evans is from Flatbush, N. Y. and not Kingston. She said it embarrasses the people of Kingston to say that Evans comes from there.

Received another pleasant letter from Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Justen of Elyria, Ohio who enjoy the wrestling matches in Toledo and Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Justen are the top mat fans of Ohio and wrestling can well be proud of them. They never miss a match.

TICKETS BY MAIL

Wrestling fans in the midwest will enjoy another major mat show Friday night, December 11th in Chicago's International Amphitheatre.

Reserved seats are priced at \$5 and \$3 all taxes paid.

Tickets may be ordered now assuring the fans of choice seats. Fans can send their check or money order with a self-addressed envelope to Fred Kohler Enterprises, Inc., 817 Grace St., Chicago 13, Ill.

Those who wish speedy and protective service by registered mail should add seventy-five cents over and above the price of the tickets.

Gunkel Gains Limelight

By Norm Reissman

It isn't easy for a Chicago boy to take Texas by storm, as Ray Gunkel did. There were reports that so many belligerent and mean wrestlers had paraded the territory that Gunkel served as a rich refresher.

Well, he won the Texas state crown, and then walked out with a Texas gal as his wife and Jack Dempsey as his manager. All this inside five months. He's now among the top attractions in the industry, having demonstrated a deceptively bright style that Dempsey has said "ranks with the best in the past twenty years. This boy has timing and leverage that's rare in an athlete." Dempsey discovered him while refereeing a match in Houston.

Ray had starred in football at Purdue University and won the National A.A.U. mat title before entering the professional bone-bending field. He didn't really earn big dough until the Texas venture. It was another case of a kid leaving his home environments to find a pot o' gold. Ray is just 26, weighing 227 and standing six feet two and a half.

How he snared the Texas bride was a strange lesson in romance. Mary Lou Nix, a pretty Dallas gal, never saw her future husband



Ray Gunkel and Jack Dempsey

wrestle. But her mother was an addicted fan. She loved the boy's work. She cheered wildly for him, and one day insisted that he have his supper at her home. From then on, Ray couldn't be kept away from the Nix domain. A Houston sportswriter called Mrs. Nix's deed "one of the cleverest maneuvers ever known to get a wrestler into the family." Ray took his bride back North to set up housekeeping. His luck was still good, as he was invited to Hal Block's television show in Chicago and won a jackpot prize, including a vacuum cleaner, washing machine and a host of accessories.

With Dempsey in his corner, Gunkel's prestige has grown by leaps and bounds. He's currently rated among the top six wrestling men in the business, both for drawing attraction and skill. And back in Texas, they still call him "the greatest invader to enter the South since Gen. Sherman, and a good sight more welcome than Sherman was."

Calza in Rug Business

Philadelphia—George Calza, one time wrestler, is in the rug business here.

HONOLULU HAPPENINGS

By Jack Routledge

Honolulu—With a strong array of top heavyweight title contenders now appearing on the regular Sunday night cards in Honolulu, Promoter "Gentleman Al" Karasick is planning a trip to the mainland, in an effort to sign World's Champion Lou Thesz for a title match sometime in June. Larry Moquin, the handsome young Montreal heavyweight made an instant hit here, with his clean style and fine wrestling ability. Although Moquin has only appeared in three bouts, he is unquestionably due to become one of the top favorites to appear here. Incidentally, Larry is combining a honeymoon with his beautiful bride, while campaigning for a chance at Champion Thesz.

Rey Urbano, the Philippine Champion, who started his wrestling career here, has just returned and is being entertained royally by his many friends and countrymen. Urbano has shown a remarkable improvement in his wrestling ability since his last appearance, and his additional poundage and aggressive style on the mat, coupled with a hold he developed, the "Filipino Flip," makes him a decided threat in the heavyweight division. Al Costello, the opera singing wrestler, made a decided hit with the fans when he surprised them with a very pleasing tenor rendition, before his first bout. However, his soothing melody had little effect on Larry Moquin, and the result was one of the most torrid bouts seen here in many a day, with the Canadian lad gaining the odd fall by disqualification, when Costello went berserk.

Our Cover

It looks like Rudy Kay is having a rough time in this match. Rocky Columbo has just taken a healthy "swat" at Chicago's colorful heavyweight.

No doubt Rudy has his "inning" later and tried one of his terrific body slams to even up matters. Both Rudy and Columbo are rugged individuals.

Published Weekly by

Wayli, Inc.

817 GRACE STREET

Chicago 13, Illinois

Editor.....Dick Axman

Vol. VI

No. 31

"Entered as second class matter at the post office at Chicago, Illinois." Subscription rates \$5.00 per year or \$8.00 for two years

Fifteen cents per copy
Back numbers twenty cents
Advertising rates on request
Sold on leading newsstands

593

AT KRNT THEATER SOON

Ray Gunkel, Newest Television Star, Here

Ray Gunkel, who holds the promise of being a potential heavyweight wrestling champion, will be here at KRNT Theater soon.

Gunkel, managed by Jack Dempsey, is a clean, scientific matman who reminds many veterans of Verne Gagne in his earlier days. Ray is well equipped physically to reach the peak. He weighs in at 240 pounds, is quick of limb and mind, and is ambitious.

With all of his many interests, Dempsey can't attend all of his protege's matches in person. But we hope Jack is able to find time to accompany Gunkel for it is always pleasant to have the Champ around.



RAY GUNKEL Is Shown Above With Manager JACK DEMPSEY

HEALTH GYM

205 Grand Ave.

Ph. 8-4362

"WHERE WRESTLERS TRAIN"

Individual Instruction at the Gym in

BODY BUILDING — WEIGHTS — WRESTLING

HOURS—Monday thru Friday 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.
Saturday, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. — Sunday, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

MEN'S INSTRUCTION BY BEN SORENSEN

We Guarantee These Results in 60 Days:

GAIN—3" Shoulders, 3" Chest, 1" Arms, 10 Pounds in Weight.
LOSE—3" Off Hips and Waist, 1½" Off Thighs, 10 Pounds Off Weight.

SORENSEN'S

HEALTH STUDIO

NOW OPEN — For WOMEN

926 Fifth

Ph. 8-9958

SUPERVISED BY MAXINE SORENSEN

FIGURE CONTOURING — BUST CONTOURING

Reducing or Gaining

"You Regain and Maintain That Youthful Look"

HOURS—Monday to Friday, 12 Noon to 10 P.M.
Saturday, 12 Noon to 5 P.M.

**Results
Guaranteed**

SORENSEN

**HEALTH
STUDIO**

**FOR
WOMEN**

SPORTS

"RINGSIDER"

POSTMASTER — If undelivered FOR ANY REASON, notify sender, stating reason, on FORM 3547. Postage guaranteed.

Des Moines, Iowa Pinkie George Enterprises 601½ East Locust St. November 25, 1953



JACK DEMPSEY HERE

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

YUKON ERIC Vs. McDANIEL

**Manassa Mauler's Protege, Ray Gunkel,
Meets Mighty Atlas in 2nd Main Event**

Names of Fame. Of World-wide renown. Of Wrestling. Of Television. We have 'em all here at KRNT Theater this week!

Jack Dempsey—at home on any celebrity list as the greatest living sports personality—will be here in person.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
**He Hits Big Time—
—Or Vice Versa**



BILL McDANIEL

Jack will be here to make a guest appearance and act as manager for his sensational young heavyweight wrestler—Ray Gunkel.

Yukon Eric, one of the stand-out wrestlers of this decade will be here, meeting a young star who is threatening all heavyweight challengers and bars none—and that is Big Bill McDaniel.

Mighty Atlas, among the best known of television wrestling stars, has been signed as young Gunkel's foe—and Mighty Atlas is a gent against whom Ray can use all of Dempsey's managerial strategy to good advantage.

It's an unusual program, one that needs no descriptive adjectives beyond the names appearing on it.

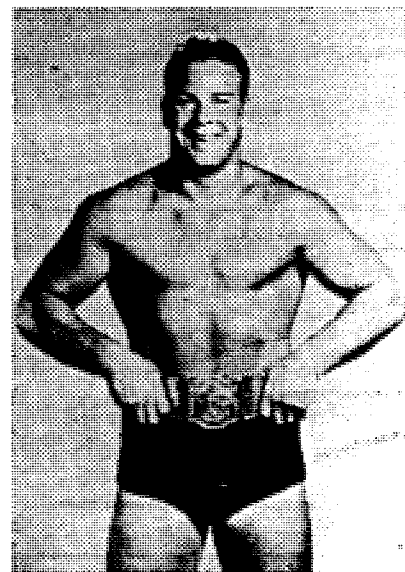


JACK DEMPSEY

It is always an occasion when that Great Gentleman of boxing, JACK DEMPSEY, comes to town.

You'll see Dempsey the manager in action when his promising young heavyweight, RAY GUNKEL, meets Mighty Atlas this week.

RAY GUNKEL



SPORTS

"RINGSIDER"

POSTMASTER — If undelivered FOR ANY REASON, notify sender, stating reason, on FORM 3547. Postage guaranteed.

Des Moines, Iowa Pinkie George Enterprises 601½ East Locust St. January 20, 1954

SEC. 34.66, P. L. & R.
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Des Moines 14, Iowa
PERMIT No. 2350

Bill Sheridan
200. 1st Ave West
Cedar Rapids Iowa.

O'CONNOR AND GUNKEL

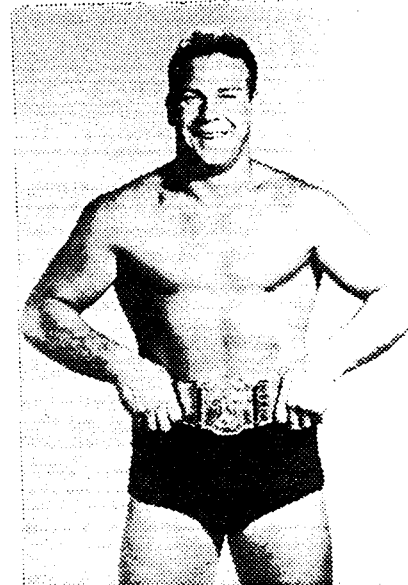
Television Star

Dempsey's Protege

McDaniel and Carter,
Leilani and Bearcat
In Tag Team Feature



PAT O'CONNOR



RAY GUNKEL

Pat O'Connor, who has never moved a step downward since flashing to national heights via television, tests the upward surge of young Ray Gunkel in the main event of an all-star four-match wrestling card at KRNT Theater this week.

Gunkel, former Purdue University, A. A. U. and N. C. A. A. wrestling champion, will be going into one of his biggest matches since turning to the pro ranks and the outcome holds considerable importance not only for Gunkel but also for O'Connor.

O'Connor, who easily rates a spot among the top 10 in professional circles, can't afford to let a young and ambitious star defeat him—and Gunkel needs victory to boost himself further up the success ladder.

It all adds up to a real slam-bang battle even though both men are of the scientific school and keep a bout as clean and sports-

manlike as their opponents allow.

A tag team bout, two-of-three falls with a 45-minute limit, gets semi-windup billing under the O'Connor-Gunkel feature.

Big Bill McDaniel teams up with Jack Carter, the sensational New Zealander, to take on a team which has unlimited possibilities—namely Alo Leilani and Bearcat Wright.

More about the two opening matches on pages two and three.

KRNT
GOLDEN GLOVES
Directed by Al Couppee
TICKET RESERVATIONS
KRNT Theater or New Utica
TUES. THURS. SAT.
Feb. 2 Feb. 4 Feb. 6



RAY GUNKEL RETURNS TRIUMPHANT NORTHERN TOUR NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT!

Ray Gunkel, the man who rates as number three in the nation and is the kingpin of Texas wrestling, has been proving his national rating during the past two weeks with a triumphant swing of Northern wrestling centers.

With a string of scalps dangling from his belt and a smile of satisfaction on his handsome face, Ray will return to Houston next Friday ready to meet any man in the world promoter Morris Sigel suggests.

Reports from the Northern states have brought glowing praise from many experts and here's what they say:

Billy Thom, Indianapolis promoter: "Gunkel is the greatest drawing card in Indiana history, and in my book the greatest wrestler in the game."

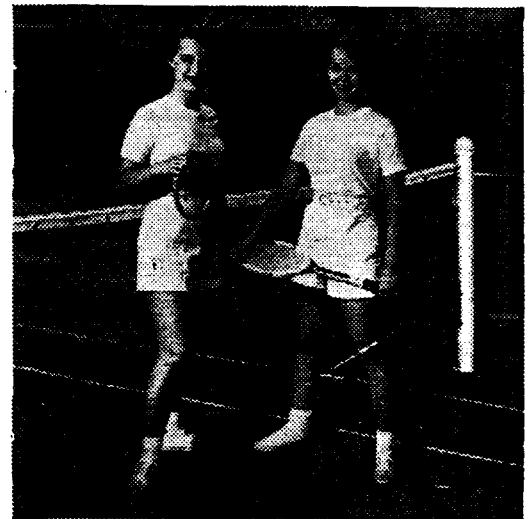
Sam Muchnick, St. Louis promoter: "This boy Gunkel is the man St. Louis needs and Texas has him. Why does Texas have to have the biggest and best of everything and Gunkel too?"

Jack Brickhouse, TV commentator in Chicago rates Gunkel as the best boy to hit the Windy City in three years: "Even though he comes from Chicago we must look on him as coming into the city because he clearly wrestles Texas style and not Chicago style. We like Gunkel all along my network and that includes a lot of TV stations."

Wigren Twins Tell Why Southern Select is "Double Good"



... Say "Beer
Was Never
So Good
Before!"



"DOUBLES" AT TENNIS. It's a hobby the twins enjoy. Keeps them in form for the round-the-town TV, radio and newspaper activities for *double good* Southern Select.

The reason Southern Select is DOUBLE GOOD is a wonderful one-two proposition . . . famous brewing formula-world's finest beer grains. Southern Select is DOUBLE GOOD because of its smoothness and mild flavor. NOW . . . taste Southern Select. You'll say, beer was never so good before.

GALVESTON-HOUSTON BREWERIES, INC., GALVESTON, TEXAS

City Auditorium

.. WRESTLING PROGRAM ..

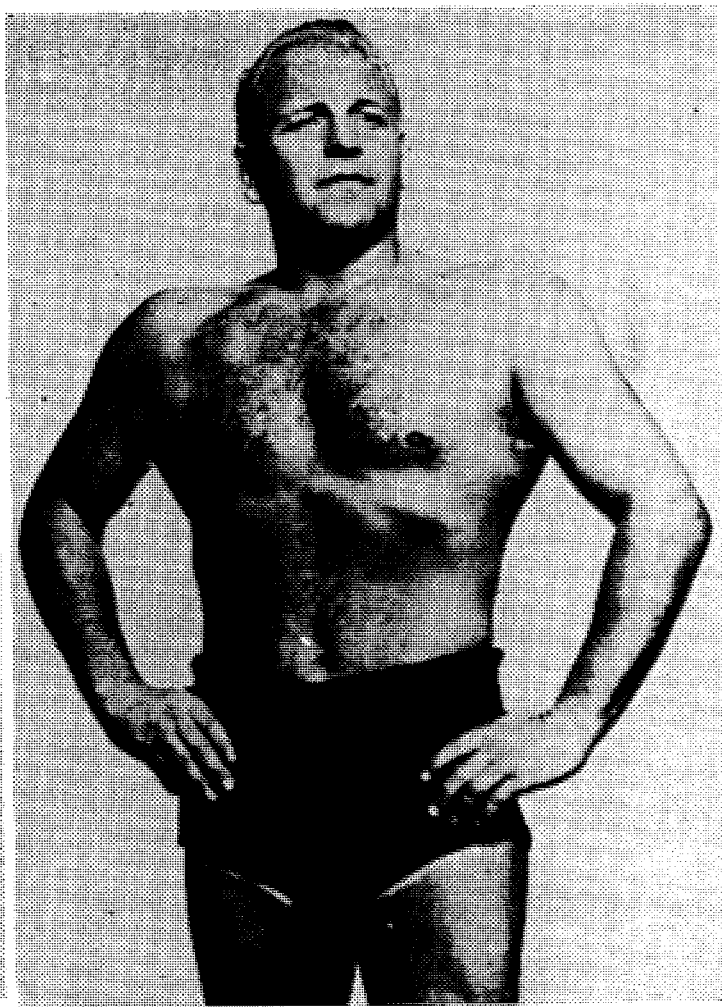
NO. 442 — FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1954 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

RAY GUNKEL, ARMED WITH A JACK DEMPSEY TAUGHT WALLOP, FACES TOUGH, VICIOUS, DIRTY DON EVANS!



Champion Ray Gunkel

Popular Ray Gunkel returns to action tonight to defend his Texas state title and the champion faces one of the meanest, most vicious challengers in the mat game today when he meets Don Evans. On Ray's side of the ledger, besides his great wrestling ability, is the fact that he has spent the past four months under the close supervision of the hardest puncher who ever lived, his manager Jack Dempsey, learning to throw a wallop similar to the one that made Jack heavyweight champion of the world.



Dirty Don Evans

Evans, unimpressed with either Dempsey or Gunkel, intends to wage his own brand of warfare tonight and disregard the thought that Gunkel might pulverize him with a punch at any moment. The Buffalo, New York grappler has established himself as a tough customer in every state in the union, Lou Thesz has sidestepped him on two different occasions, and champions admit they would rather tangle with a rattlesnake, so Gunkel is in for one of the roughest and busiest evenings he has ever had anywhere.

City Auditorium .. WRESTLING PROGRAM ..

NO. 443 — FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1954 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

World's Champion Lou Thesz Faces Crisis In Match with Challenger Ray Gunkel!



Champion Louis Thesz

Lou Thesz knows he is on the spot tonight. He knows Ray Gunkel, the toughest challenger any champion has met, has youth, speed, strength . . . and a powerful hand punch . . . on his side tonight. And in back of him is the vast experience, the know how that a champion must have, and the determination to hang onto the lucrative prize in wrestling.

Gunkel, since he hooked up with Jack Dempsey as his manager, has been going great guns and sports writers throughout the North and the East have tabbed him as the



Challenger Ray Gunkel

man most likely to succeed Thesz as kingpin of the heavyweights. Ray wanted the chance to take the title right here in Houston where he got so much of the big break that has made him one of the top stars in the game.

His manager, Jack Dempsey, has wired his regrets that his restaurant business and other tremendous interests keep him glued to New York tonight but he will have an open line to Houston to pick up every fall of the match . . . and he fully expects Gunkel to come out as the winner . . . and New World's Champion!

AUSTIN CITY COLISEUM WRESTLING PROGRAM

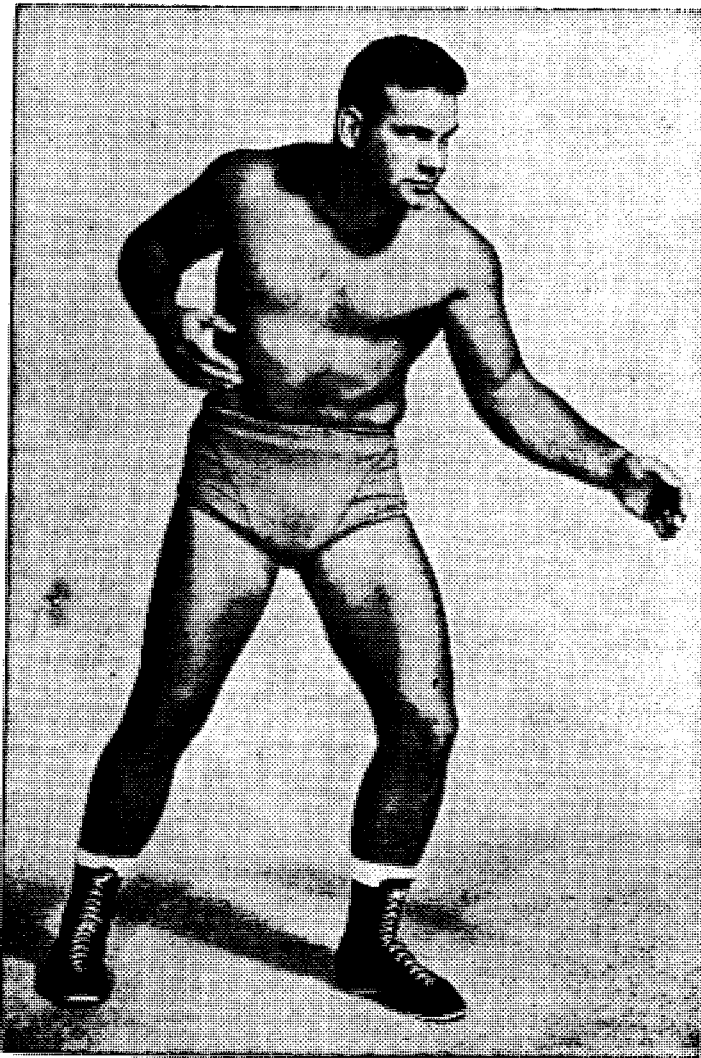
Austin, Texas, Phone 7-0532

Tuesday, August 10, 1954

OWEN DAVIS, Promoter — Price 10c

World's Heavyweight Championship

This Is A Special Return Match Sanctioned by the Texas Wrestling Agency, Texas State Boxing and Wrestling Commission and The National Wrestling Alliance.



Ray Gunkel vs. Lou Thesz

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF WRESTLING THE CHAMPION IS FORCED TO A RETURN MATCH

RASSLIN'

SPORTATORIUM — Cadiz & Industrial — DALLAS

Nov. 23 ¹⁹⁵⁴ **Ed McLemore, Promoter**

10c

Gunkel vs Togo! Tosh Tackles Two



RAY GUNKEL and MGR. JACK DEMPSEY

Ray Also Wants Bout With Duke!

Confident, but not cocky, Ray Gunkel came back in town early last week to sign for tonight's main event match against the Great Togo, and to put in his challenge for a showdown match with Duke Keomuka, who has lately been exploiting the nefarious Japanese Claw hold. Gunkel, a former Marine during World War II, has no lost love for the Nip wrestlers. He has a special grudge against Keomuka. And he doesn't like the idea of the Togo dynasty staying too long in Texas.

"I hope to knock off this Great Togo joker and then go after Keomuka," stated Gunkel. He continued, "Their brand of wrestling isn't what I would call wrestling. It's legalized mayhem and I for one, am out to stop it. I know that the Togo's have produced generations of grapplers, but my manager, Jack Dempsey has taught me that old American haymaker and 'Dempsey Punch'. I think that will stop 'em."

Chene, Kuss Out To Stop Tosh In Special Bout — "Honor At Stake"

The Great Togo methodically dumped big Killer Joe Christy last Tuesday night in the finale fracas and let it go at that. Most of his wrath was directed at the outcome of the previous match in which his younger brother, Tosh, won the only fall of the bout but lost it to Larry Chene when Tosh kept up his attack on the prostrate Chene and then illegally assaulted Referee Otto Kuss.

Tonight, the Great Togo will get stiffer matchings against popular heavyweight Ray Gunkel, and Tosh, with the family honor at stake will be going against both Chene and Otto Kuss in a 30-minute handicap match.

A master of the arts and all forms of wrestling, the Great Togo didn't have time to try out his new mastery of the English language in hollering about the "wicked decision and prejudiced ruling" that his younger brother Tosh received at the hands of Kuss and Chene. Hata, the Togo family servant let it slip that the Great Togo is angry about it all and that Tosh must rectify the defeat immediately. Thus, Tosh has quite a task tonight. Defeat will come again to him if he suffers a loss of a fall or fails to pin both Chene and Kuss in a thirty-minute period.

The Great Togo won't have an easy task ahead of him either, for Ray Gunkel is really waiting for him. Ray wants to run all of the Jap wrestlers out of Texas and hopes to start at the top and work down. Duke Keomuka is next on his list.

Larry Chene, and especially regular referee Otto Kuss, doesn't appreciate the strangling and choking holds of the Jap gladiators. Their exit from the scene would be welcome news to a lot of mat fans. But in the unwritten laws of wrestling—the winners stay on top and get the big money. So, it's going to take a trouncing of the Jap faction to run them off. Three guys are ready to start the parade now.



DUKE KEOMUKA



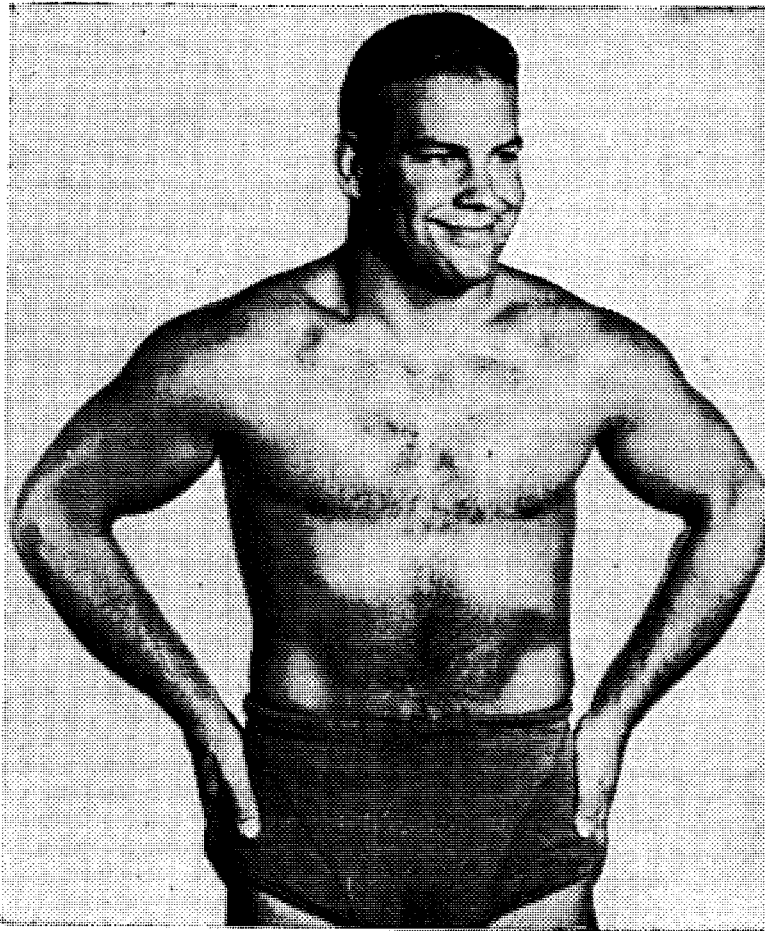
GREAT TOGO

City Auditorium .. WRESTLING PROGRAM ..

MORRIS P. SIGEL, *Promoter* . . . FRANK J. BURKE, *Matchmaker*

NO. 497 — FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1955 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

The 'New' Gunkel Gets A Great Chance!

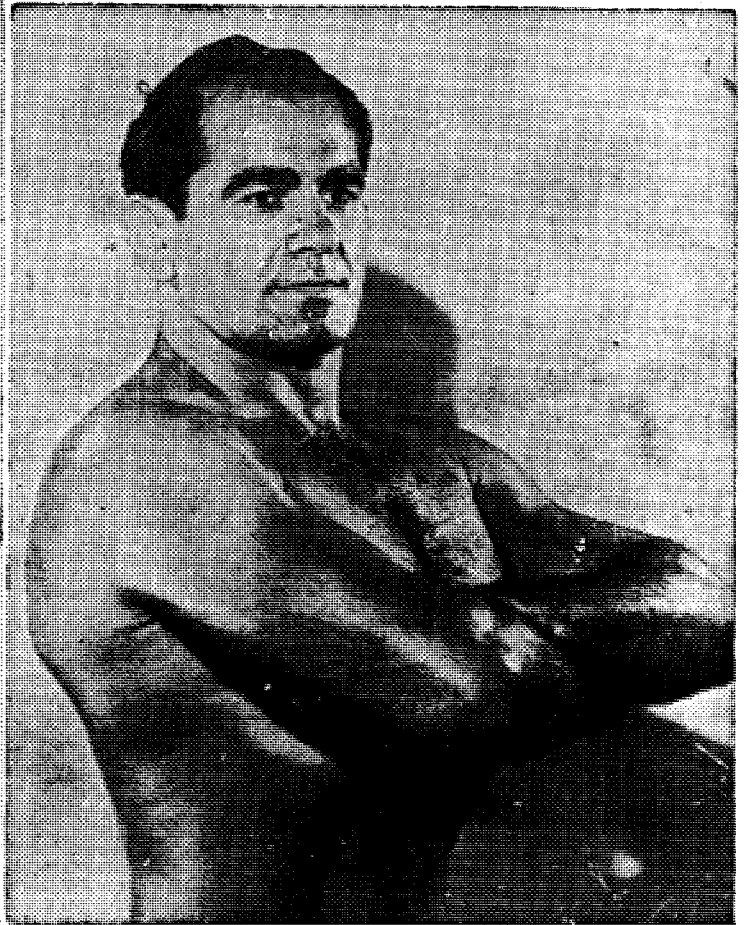


Ray Gunkel

When Ray Gunkel exploded against the cruelty of Duke Keomuka a month ago he little realized that it would shape his career the way it has. Fed up with what he considered unnecessary punishment, Ray decided to never turn the other cheek and to get there first with the most in the future.

That policy led to a straight fall win over Keomuka; it led to another straight fall win, this time over Joe Christy and tonight he hopes that the same spirit, the same determined enthusiasm, will lead him to the world's title.

Millions of his fan across the nation have stoutly maintained that all Gunkel needed to become the next champion of the world was a temper. Now that he has



Louis Thesz

found the depth of his feelings there is no doubt about Gunkel's ability to get mad.

All of Houston is stirred by the change in Ray but Houston is just a part of the great feeling that he has rejoiced among the nation's many mat fans. As proof, Ray has in his hand right now a fortune in contracts waiting for his signature if he whips Thesz tonight. A victory will give him more money than he ever dreamed about and the youngster is ready to take advantage of it.

Thesz will be facing a new Gunkel but Gunkel will be facing the same Thesz and it is a worried champion who goes into the ring tonight.

Gunkel made a promise to his fans right here in the City Auditorium ring last week . . . that he would use the same style against Thesz that whipped Keomuka and Christy. He means to keep that promise tonight.

RASSLIN'

SPORTATORIUM — Cadiz & Industrial — DALLAS

May 10 1955 Ed McLemore, Promoter

10c

World Title Claimant Nomellini vs. Gunkel

**Gunkel Wants Nomellini And Title Prestige;
Pair Meet In Hot Match Here Next Tuesday**

World title claimant Leo Nomellini will be here next Tuesday. And the "new" Ray Gunkel will get him!

Just the fact that Nomellini — "Nagurski Number Two" — is coming is big news. Add the fact that Leo won from Lou Thesz on a disqualification and is claiming the world championship. All this adds to Nomellini's stature.

And Dallas' favorite contender Ray Gunkel, who will be here tonight, is going to tackle the six-foot-six all American football hero. Gunkel wants a win over Nomellini to gain Nomellini's position as title-claimant and to force a match with the recognized champ Lou Thesz who will have a rugged night behind him if he leaves here

with the title after facing Tarzan Mike tonight!

Nomellini sums up his position in the title query by stating "I beat Thesz in a title match. And that's it." He will be defending his claim to the title against Gunkel and a win by Gunkel makes his just as strong a title-claimant. And, of course, eliminates entirely Nomellini's claim.

That's why the main event will be so important next week in the world title picture. The bout will also mark the debut of Nomellini. And he will be arriving with a great record behind him.

For four years the bruising lineman has been selected on the All-Pro All American teams. A standout performer season after season with San Francisco's 49'ers. Leo is also San Francisco's top gate attraction in grappling. He has racked up over \$100,000 at the gate in three matches with Thesz. "winning" the last one on the disqualification which gave him his title claim which is recognized by the state of California.

Nomellini oddly enough first played football with the Marines and became an All-American at Minnesota without a high school record. He was big ten mat champ and is often compared to his hero, Bronko Nagurski. Joe Pazandak, Vern Gagne, Otto Kuss and other Big Ten champions of the past.

FLASH!

Promoter Ed McLemore was informed by Al Ventres that there was a "definite possibility" of bringing in the new world's junior heavyweight champion, Gentleman Edmund Francis within a matter of weeks.

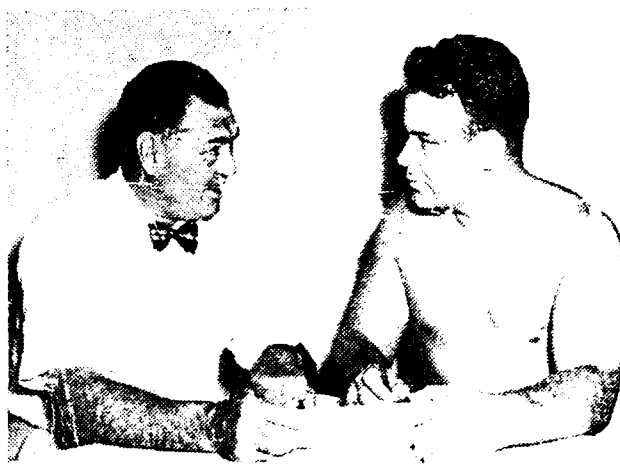
Tonight's title match — next week's star Nomellini-Gunkel battle—and perhaps the world's new junior heavy champ following — great matchings and a "definite possibility."



LEO NOMELLINI



LEO NOMELLINI



RAY GUNKEL AND JACK DEMPSEY

City Auditorium WRESTLING PROGRAM

MORRIS P. SIGEL, Promoter

NO. 613 — FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1957 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA 2-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

Rough House Ray Gunkel Goes After Don Leo Jonathan to Cut Him Down to Size With New Style!

Ray Gunkel, his "fed up" attitude busting wide open, intends to carry the battle right to Don Leo Jonathan tonight in an all out effort to prove that the big fellow is just the same size as any other athlete when he is faced with the right kind of opposition.

And Ray intends to make that opposition take shape with his new determination to use his fists and feet and batter his way to victory over anyone who stands in his path.

"This is it," said Ray, "from now on I give instead of take. I don't wait for someone to knock me down 12 times before I take the hint that they intend to get rough. I knock them down first and I don't pick them up."

Jonathan has been peculiarly unimpressed by Gunkel's

attitude or by his threats to do physical damage while he is in this frame of mind.

"A man has got to be more than mad and determined to get anything done," said the slow talking Jonathan, "he's got to be capable of spelling 'able.' I don't think Gunkel can get the job done."

Ray's fans, a little disturbed at the raucous reception their hero got when he applied the boots to Gory Guerrero last week, still believe that his new attitude is justified, but they wish that he had used it against a man less popular than the Mexican star.

But Ray is not taking sides . . . he is ready to use it against any man he faces . . . and he hurls that threat past Jonathan at world's heavyweight champ Louis Thesz too!



Ray with Jack Dempsey

RAY'S VIEWS ON GETTING ROUGH!

"For years my fans have been telling me that I have been a fool not to open up first to escape the punishment I have been taking. I have tried to prove my sportsmanship to fans and have taken more than an ordinary amount of punishment just to show people that I did not start trouble. Well, now I intend to start it and finish it too. Lots of good men have been rough before and they have climbed to the top of the wrestling ladder. They had fans too, fans that cheered them every time they swung a foot or a fist. I believe my solid supporters will stay with me, those that fall by the wayside I will just have to bid goodbye but I must do what I think is right, I must change my style and win matches."



Don Leo with Dempsey

JONATHAN'S VIEWS ON GUNKEL AND THESZ!

"Gunkel is getting rough because he believes he can knock me out of my chance to meet Louis Thesz, but he can't do it. For two reasons, one of them is that I can get rougher than he can because I have a head start and know how to do it. The other is that I have been guaranteed a chance at Thesz and unless I get it within 90 days I'll sue everyone connected unless I am named the world's champion by the State of Texas. That was the promise and there was no mention made that I had to win every match from now until Kingdom Come, although I expect to do just that. Gunkel won't stop me and neither will anyone else. I don't think Thesz will ever face me, he knows I'll whittle him out from under his title quick."

RAY GUNKEL

6'1", 230 pounds, 32 years old. Born and raised in Chicago. Achieved early sports fame as All-City Prep football star; was also undefeated in High School wrestling competition and Captain of his team. As a teenager he gained fame as speed-skating champion in Chicago Tribune's annual Silver Skates competition. At Purdue University he was a varsity football star for three seasons; also won the National A. A. U. wrestling championship in 1947 and '48. One of the most highly publicized collegiate champions in Purdue history, Ray signed a lucrative pro wrestling con-

tract immediately after graduation. At outset of pro mat career Ray was managed by immortal Heavyweight boxing great, Jack Dempsey. His first national fame as pro came in Texas when he won that State's heavyweight title and became one of its most popular champions. In 1956 his life-size oil portrait was dedicated in Dallas' State Fair Building taking its place alongside such immortal Texans as Sam Houston, Davey Crockett, and Babe Didrikson Zaharias. Gunkel now makes his home in Atlanta, Georgia, together with his son, Ray, Jr. Is South's No. 1 mat hero.



GUNKEL'S "COBRA TWIST"



"... When I clamp this on 'em brother, that's all she wrote! It's fini for sure! I've experimented with a dozen different holds before standardizing on the 'Cobra Twist' ... To apply it properly you've got to move on your foe with lightning effectiveness. Many is the time I thought the time was ripe to move but my foe anticipated the hold was coming."—GUNKEL

ATLANTA

TOP TEAM IN SOUTH GUNKEL-STEINBORN



Jubilant Ray and Dickie following recent successful defense of Southern Tag title

In the early Spring of 1959, Ray and Dickie's paths crossed for the first time in Atlanta, Georgia. There joining forces to make Southern mat history as a team that stormed Dixie's mat citadels with a powerhouse tag repertoire

so polished as to annihilate all opposition with ease. Finally winning for themselves that section's highest and most lucrative wrestling honor: The Southern Heavyweight Tag-Team championship.

RASSLIN'

SPORTATORIUM - Cadiz & Industrial - DALLAS

September 15, 1964

Dallas Wrestling Club

45

15c

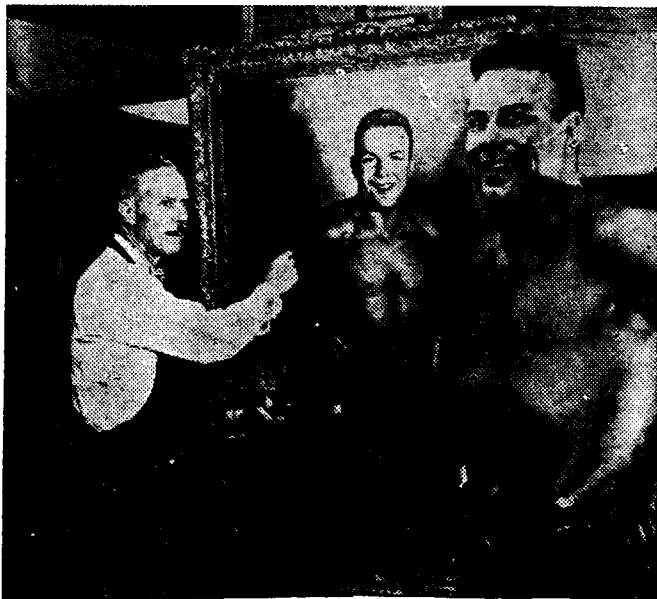
GUNKEL vs VON ERICH!

Great Gunkel Pleads For Fenced Ring Chance Against Von Erich!!

The winningest Texas champion ever, the great Ray Gunkel, an all time popularity champ as well, returns tonight to jump into a sturdily fenced ring for a wallop at unbeaten Fritz Von Erich.

Gunkel says he'll jump into that caged ring the same way a caged animal would jump out of one if given the chance. He canceled two or three bouts to be sure to be here tonight for his long awaited chance at the master of the claw.

It was Ray's insistent pleading that the bout be in a Cox chain link fenced ring. Ray found out that promoter Ed McLemore had



RAY GUNKEL

Many Friends & Fans To See Ray!

Diminutive Dmitri Vail has done what few heavyweights have been able to do—put Ray Gunkel on the canvas.

The world famed artist is pictured above with Ray and that famed portrait. The value of the painting is at least \$5,000. It is perfect in every detail, needless to say. It is in a display at the Holiday Inn Central.

Mr. Vail is expected to be a ringsider tonight as Gunkel's return will bring back many of his friends and fans he developed when he was a Dallas resident.



FRITZ "IRON CLAW" VON ERICH

COX FENCED RING!

an open contract on Von Erich. Instantly he buzzed of a wire asking for Von Erich in the fenced ring claiming that he has been chasing Von Erich several months.

"A lot of would be main eventers would like a match with me" growled Von Erich. "Let's see what happens to this one. So, he's a Dallas favorite, so am I if wins counts. Gunkel will go down with the claw hold on him like all other ex local stars."

Paul Boesch, Referee

Von Erich more than hinted that refereeing here was against him. McLemore decided to bring in popular expert Paul Boesch as the middleman, thereby leaving Von Erich no room to complain on that count.

The Cox fence company has donated the use of their splendid fence. They are located at the south end of our parking lot and would like to sell you a fence.

SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



THE RINGSIDER

25c

INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

CITY AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY JUNE 25TH, 1971

8 PAGES



RAY GUNKEL APPLIES SLEEPER TO ASSASSIN

WRESTLING SANCTIONED

2 SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



THE RINGSIDER

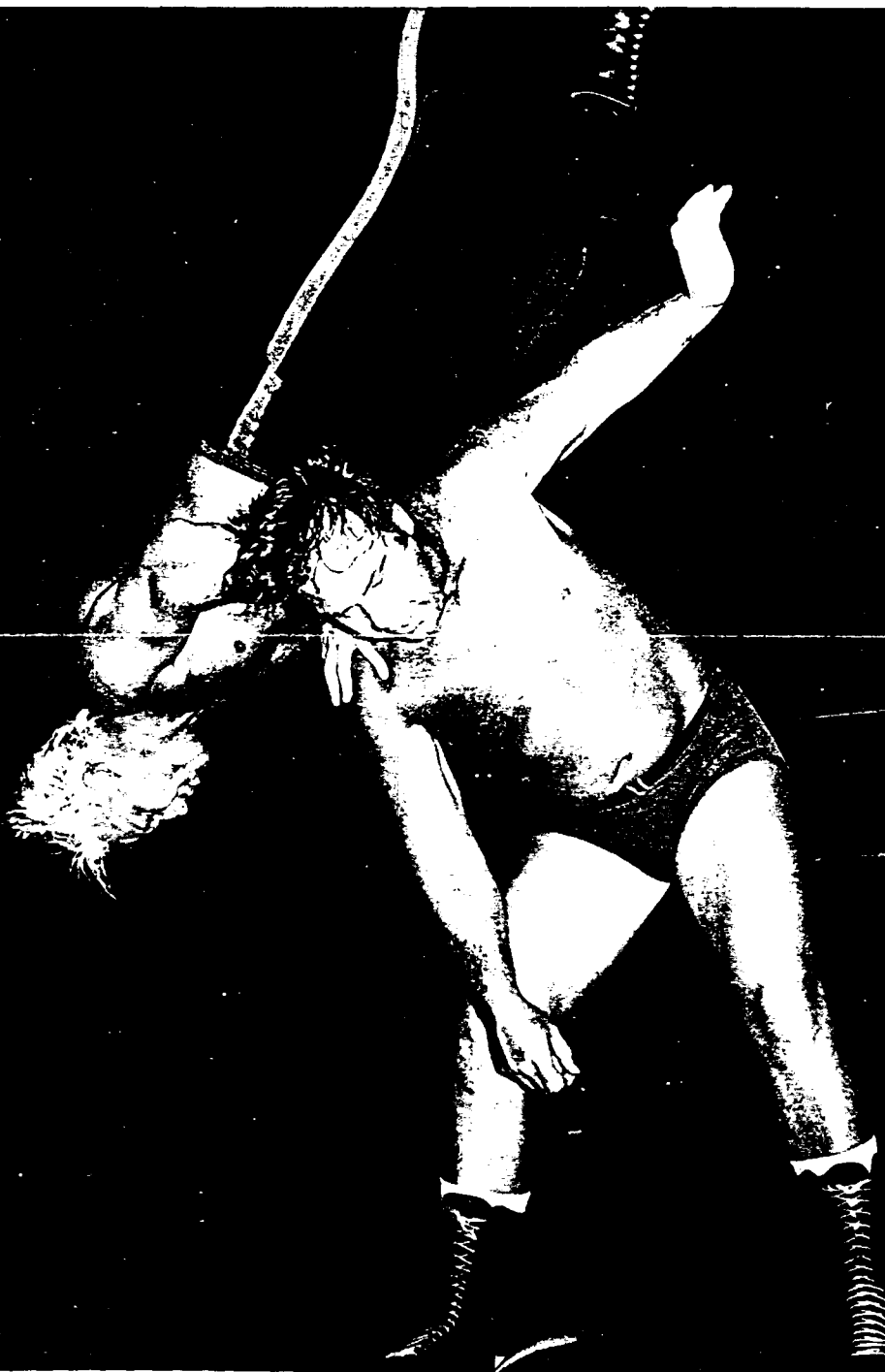
25c

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

CITY AUDITORIUM

July 23rd 1971

8 PAGES



RAY GUNKEL BACKDROPS COLT

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
AND SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM

NWA

THE RINGSIDER

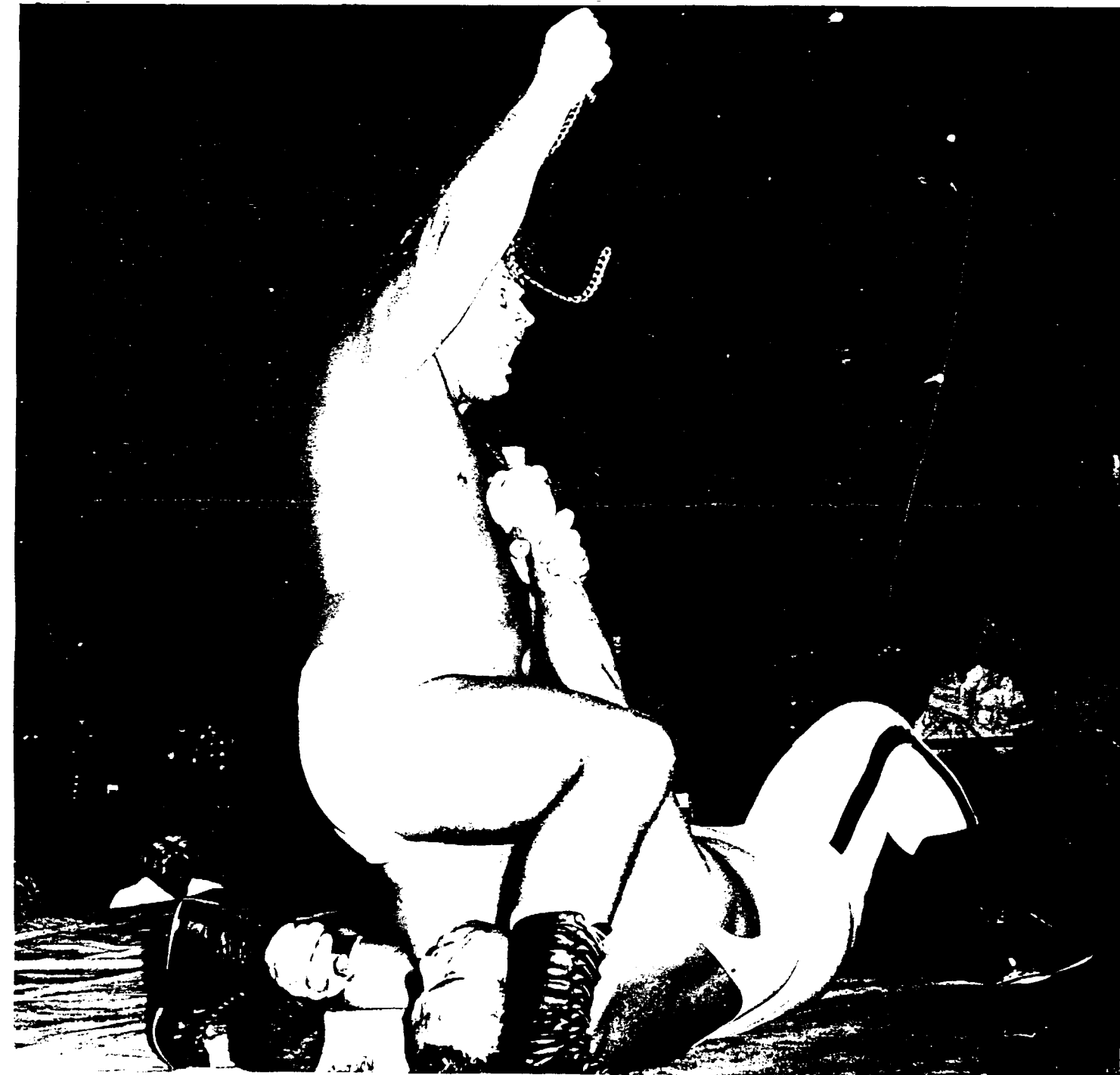
25c

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

CITY AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY JULY 30th 1971

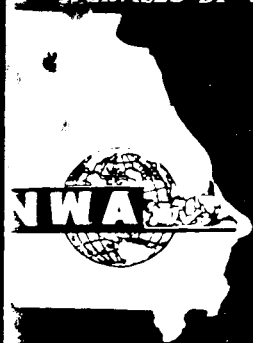
8 PAGES



RAY GUNKEL TAKES CHAIN FROM ODELL

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



THE RINGSIDER

25c

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

SATURDAY, DEC. 25, 1971

SPORTS ARENA

8 PAGES



RAY GUNKEL AND BUDDY FULLER NEW CHAMPIONS

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
& SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM

NWA

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

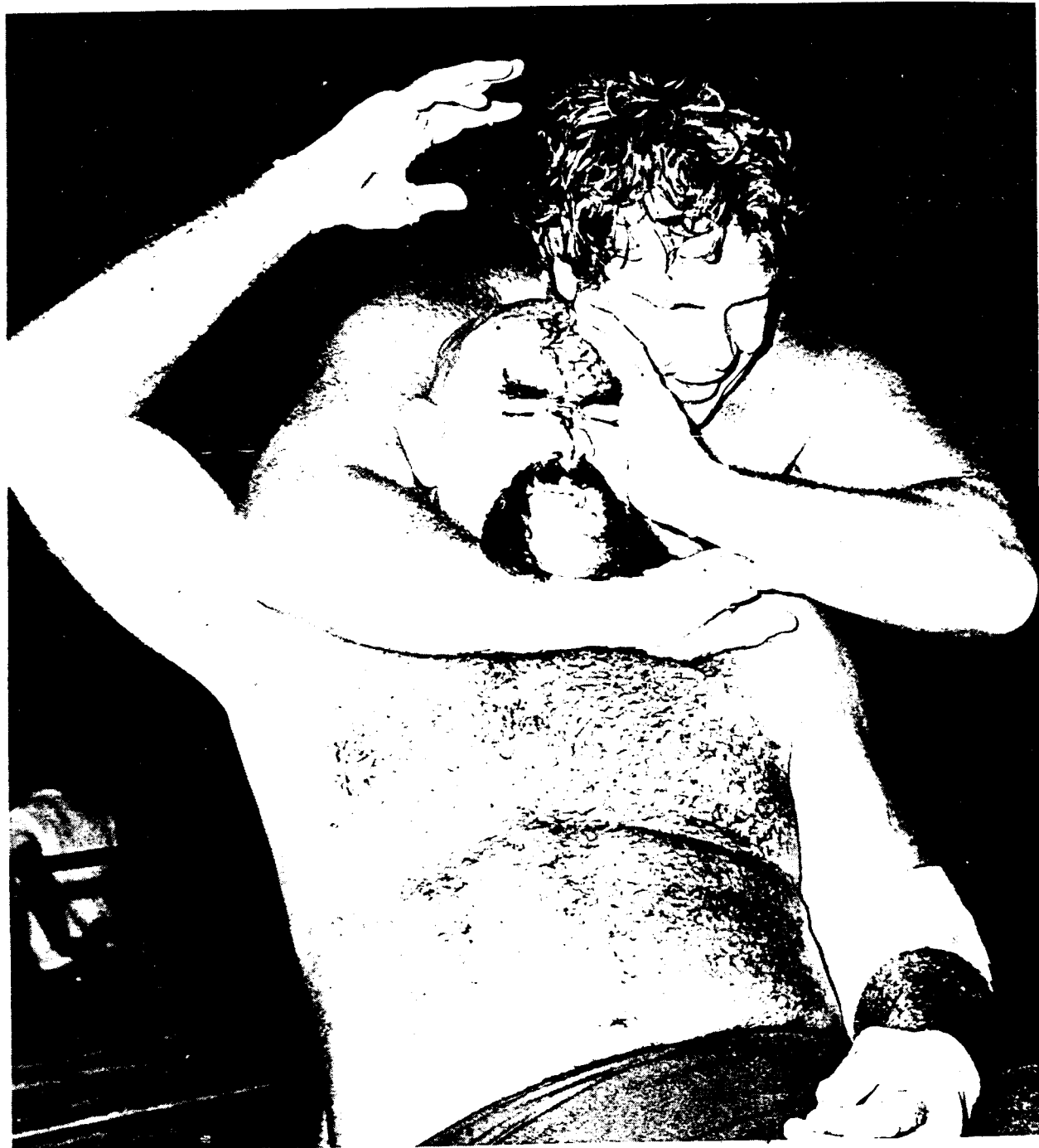
THE RINGSIDER

25c

JULY 7, 1972

SPORTS ARENA

8 PAGES



RAY GUNKEL WITH SLEEPER ON OX BAKER

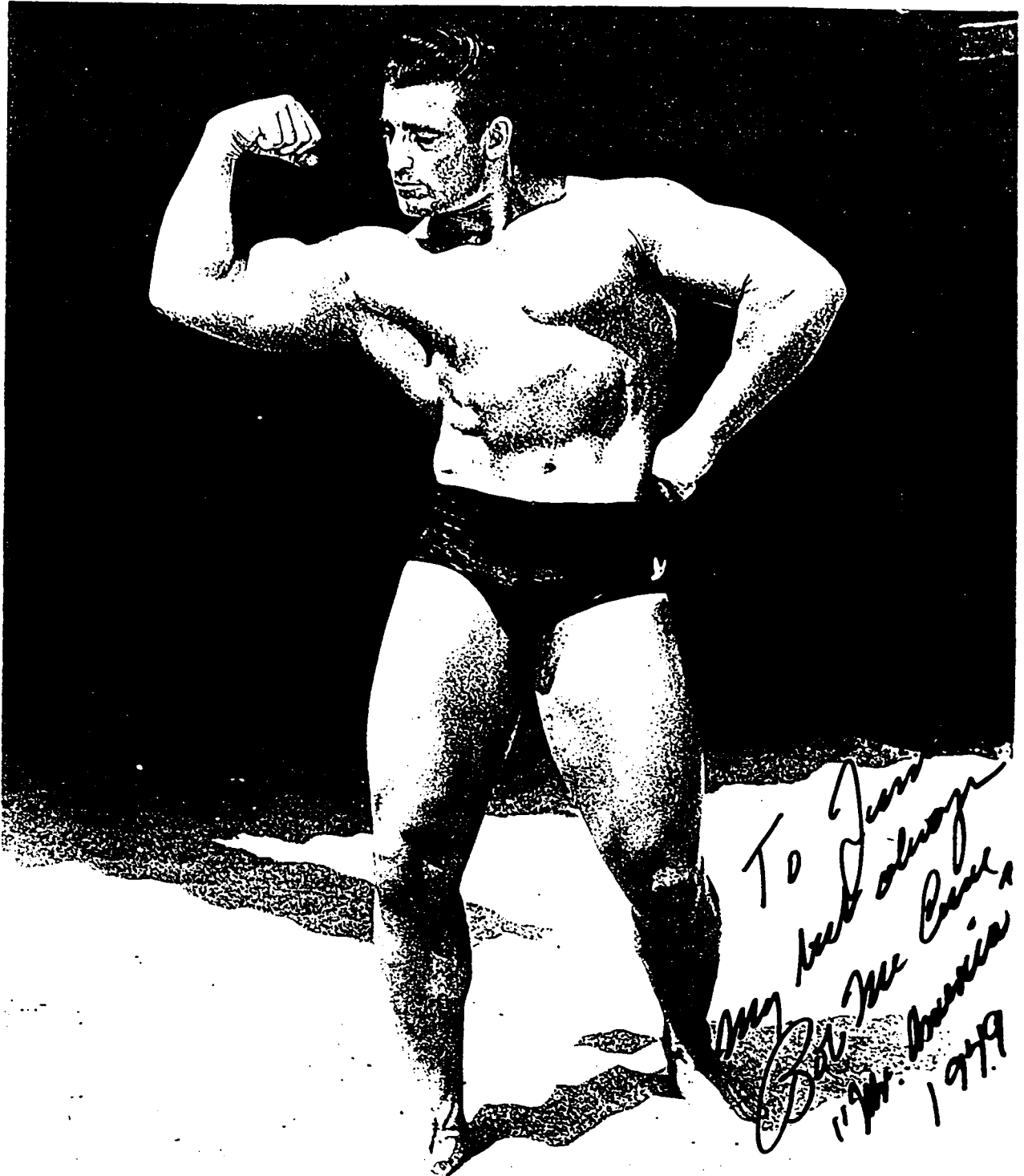


VOL. 5 NO. 11 - NOVEMBER 1995

Wrestling Facts

JAMES C. MELBY, EDITOR 1018 E. ROSE AVE., ST. PAUL, MN. 55106

THIS ISSUE FEATURES A LOOK AT DES MOINES WRESTLING IN THE 50s



WRESTLING FACTS - THE ORIGINAL MAT RESEARCH JOURNAL

VOL. 1 NO. 1 FRANK TOWNSEND PART I \$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 2 FRANK TOWNSEND PART II \$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 3 HARD BOILED HAGGERTY I \$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 4 HARD BOILED HAGGERTY II \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 1 BILLY GOELZ \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 2 TINY MILLS I \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 3 TINY MILLS II \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 4 DON EAGLE \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 1 THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 2 DR.X(DICK BEYER) \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 3 BRONKO NAGURSKI \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 4 VERNE GAGNE \$25.00
VOL. 3 NO. 5 BUTCH LEVY \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 1 YUKON ERIC \$25.00
VOL. 4 NO. 2 JOE PAZANDAK \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 3 BOB RASMUSSEN \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 4 DICK HUTTON \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 5 RIKIDOZAN \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 6 CLIFF GUSTAFSON \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 7 IVAN & KAROL KALMIKOFF \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 8 HIRO MATSUDA \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 9 SHOZO KOBAYASHI \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 10 ROCHESTER, MN. RESULTS 1949-63 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 1 LEO NOMELLINI \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 2 1950'S SCRAPBOOK \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 3 BILL MELBY \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 4 RAY GUNKEL \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 5 SCRAPBOOK VOL. 2 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 6 JAPAN RESULTS 1960-64 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 7 SCRAPBOOK VOL. 3 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 8 SCRAPBOOK VOL. 4 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 9 1950's CEDAR RAPIDS & PICTURE GALLERY SCRAPBOOK \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 10 JAPAN RESULTS 1965-67 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 11 1950'S DES MOINES SCRAPBOOK \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 12 LOU THESZ \$25.00

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE CIRCLE ISSUES DESIRED ON THE ABOVE LIST.
POSTAGE AND HANDLING IS \$4.00 FOR FIRST ISSUE, \$1.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL
ISSUE. OVERSEAS ORDERS WILL BE SHIPPED BY SEA MAIL UNLESS THE CUSTOMER
PAYS FOR AIR MAIL COSTS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO JAMES C. MELBY, 1018 EAST
ROSE AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MN. 55106.

65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162

WRESTLING
WED.NITE

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

"THE GREAT" BALBO vs. BILLY GOELZ

CHEST & DUBUQUE

—VS.—

DUSEK TEAM

JIM DOBIE—vs—MURPHY



65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162

WRESTLING
WED.NITE

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

WHICH ONE CAN APPLY THE SLEEPER?

VERNE GAGNE

vs.

The Great TOGO



65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162

WRESTLING
WED.NITE

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

TV-ALL-STAR PINKIE GEORGE SHOW

RASPUTIN vs. BALBO



ALSO A
TEAM
BOUT

"THE JAP" TOGO
VS—JIM DOBIE

MAN OR BEAST?

65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162

WRESTLING
TONIGHT

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

HERE IT IS! WORLD'S
CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

**LOU THESZ--vs--
Chest BERNARD**



MAN OR BEAST?

WRESTLING
WED.NITE

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

RASPUTIN vs. ATLAS

Also
A

**6 MEN TAG TEAM
MATCH**



65c, 95c, \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162



WRESTLING
TONIGHT

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

**SHARPE BROS.
vs. ATLAS & CHEST**

Sonny Myers vs. Johnny (the Great) Balbo

Tickets at Theater and New Utica

85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

TAG
TEAM
BOUT

65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162

WRESTLING
WED.NITE

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

PLUS BOXING—No advance in prices

—Extra Bonus Bout—

World's 5th ranking fighter

GLEN

JIMMY

FLANAGAN vs. WHITE

Gentleman Jim

John "The Great"

DOBIE vs. BALBO

PLUS TWO OTHER STAR BOUTS



WRESTLING
WED.NITE

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

3 MAIN BOUTS

See Chest, Dobie
Balbo, Orton—also
MILDRED BURKE

65c, 95c, \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162

WRESTLING
TONIGHT

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

ANOTHER ALL-STAR PINKIE GEORGE SHOW

GAGNE vs. CHEST

4 LADY
TEAM BOUT

Tarzan KOWALSKI
vs. Gene DUBUQUE



65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162

WRESTLING
WED.NITE

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

DOUBLE FEATURE — TEAM MATCH!

CHEST & DUBUQUE

—VS—

DOBIE & LEILANI

—ALSO—

JOHN "The Great" BALBO



ALSO
WOMEN
BOUT

WRESTLING
WED.NITE

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR

THE TOGO TEAM

The vs. Farmer

CHEST & MARLIN

65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162

WRESTLING
WED.NITE

KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.

SEE THE TV STARS IN ACTION

RASPUTIN vs. CHEST

PLUS SOMETHING DIFFERENT
6 MEN TAG TEAM
MATCH



MAN OR BEAST?

TV STARS ARE BACK! **WRESTLING TONIGHT** KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

SEPT. 10

PAT O'CONNOR
vs.
Hans SCHMIDT



65c, 95c, \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Pat O'Connor def Jim Dobie
John Balbo def Reggie Lisowski
Gypsy Joe def Balk Estes
Billy Hickson def Milt Olson

WRESTLING WED. NITE KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

4 MIDGET TAG TEAM
PLUS

SENSATIONAL TV STARS
RONNIE ETCHISON
vs. **BOB ORTON**



Bob Orton def Ronnie Etchison
Farmer Pete & Sonny Boy Cassidy def Sky Low Low & Irish Jackie
Alo Leilani def Lou Britton
Irish Jackie def Sonny Boy Cassidy

TV STARS ARE BACK **WRESTLING WED. NITE** KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

Sensational

PAT O'CONNOR
vs.—SATURDAY NIGHT'S TV STAR
BOB ORTON



65c, 95c, \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Pat O'Connor def Bob Orton
John Balbo def Bob Nelson
Gypsy Joe def Jack Carter
Billy Hickson def Art Bull

WRESTLING WED. NITE KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

SENSATIONAL TV STARS
The MIGHTY ATLAS
vs. **BOB ORTON**



CAN ATLAS STOP HIM?

Bob Orton def Mighty Atlas
Gypsy Joe def Jack Carter
Alo Leilani drew Pete Managoff
Gene Dubuque def Billy Hickson

RE-MATCH BY PUBLIC DEMAND **WRESTLING WED. NITE** KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

PAT O'CONNOR
vs.—GIANT TV STAR
BOB ORTON



65c, 95c, \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Bob Orton def Pat O'Connor

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE **WRESTLING TONIGHT** KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

The Sensation of the Nation
VERNE GAGNE
vs.---**BOB ORTON**



65c, 95c, \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Verne Gagne def Bob Orton

JACK Dempsey TO REFEREE **WRESTLING WED. NITE** KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

THE MIGHTY ATLAS
vs.
Hans SCHMIDT



65c, 95c, \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Mighty Atlas def Hans Schmidt
Bob Orton def Bob Nelson
Alo Leilani def Jack Carter
Pete Managoff def Juan Hernandez

WRESTLING WED. NITE KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

JACK BRICKHOUSE TO RECEIVE AWARD
LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
BALBO
—vs.—
GYPSY

LOOK WHO'S BACK!
"CHEST BERNARD"
CHEST
—vs.—
ORTON



Gypsy Joe defeated Johnny Balbo, two-out-of-three falls. Time, 34:16.
Chest Bernard defeated Bob Orton, two-out-of-three falls. Time, 14:49.
Gene Dubuque defeated Reggie Lisowski. Time, 14:51.
Jim Doherty drew Angelo Martell. Time, 20:00.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER**
WED. NITE 8:30 P. M.

FIRST TIME EVER TRIED!
 Two tag team bouts on one show

FAMOUS BROTHERS, THE **BECKERS**
 —VS—
 CHEST BERNARD
 AND DUBUQUE

SENSATIONAL **MIDGETS**
 —IN—
 TAG TEAM

George and Rob Becker defeated Gene Dubuque and Chest Bernard in a tag-team match, two-of-three falls, Time, 27:05.
 Pee Wee James and Nalle Halasin defeated Pancho the Bull and Veto Gonzales in a tag-team match, two-of-three falls, Time, 18:10.
 Chief Kit Fox defeated Angelo Martelli, Time, 9:44.
 Mr. America defeated Gentleman Jim Dobie, Time, 8:34.

6-MAN TAG TEAM MATCH **WRESTLING** **KRNT THEATER**
WED. NITE 8:30 P. M.

TEAM—vs.—TEAM

CHEST vs. MR. AMERICA
GYPSY — KIT FOX
GENE — GEO. SCOTT

Mr. America, Chief Kit Fox and George Scott defeated Chest Bernard, Gypsy Jr. and Gene Dubuque, two-of-three falls in a tag team match, Time, 32:01.
 Gentleman Jim Dobie defeated Billy Fletcher, Time, 15:34.
 Bobby Lane defeated Angelo Martelli, Time, 17:08.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER**
WED. NITE 8:30 P. M.

MILDRED BURKE
 —vs—**"RED BOMBSHELL"**

World's Light-heavyweight champ
GYPSY JOE —vs—
CHIEF KIT FOX

Gypsy Joe defeated Chief Kit Fox in two straight falls, Time, 23:23.
 Mildred Burke defeated Gene Combs in two of three falls, Time, 17:53.
 Bob McCune defeated Gene Dubuque in one fall, Time, 5:34.
 Billy Fletcher and Angelo Martelli drew in 20-minute time limit.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER**
WED. NITE 8:30 P. M.

"FINAL SHOW OF 1952"
CHEST vs. MR. AMERICA
 —ALSO—
 See the "Red Bombshell" in
4 WOMEN TAG TEAM MATCH

Mr. America defeated Chest Bernard, two-of-three falls, Time, 22:34.
 Gene Combs and Theresa Todd defeated Carol Corcoran and Terry Majors in a tag team match, two-of-three falls, Time, 31:43.
 Alo Leilani drew with Gene Dubuque, Time, 20:00.

SEASON'S BIGGEST SHOW! **WRESTLING** **KRNT THEATER**
WED. NITE 8:30 P. M.

Heavyweight Championship
LOU THESZ —vs—
CHEST BERNARD

RASPUTIN vs. LEILANI **MR. AMERICA vs. SCOTT**

Lou Thesz def Chest Bernard
 Ivan Rasputin def Alo Leilani
 Bob McCune def George Scott
 Bob Lane def Bill Fletcher

TV STARS ARE BACK **WRESTLING** **KRNT THEATER**
LOOK! TONIGHT 8:30 P. M.

The sensational TV Star
BILL MELBY
vs. BOBBY NELSON

55c, 95c, \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7169

Bill Melby defeated Bobby Nelson two straight falls, Time, 18:41.
 Mr. America defeated Gene Dubuque, two straight falls, Time, 18:08.
 Bill Sledge defeated Larry Hamilton, Time, 18:27.
 Mike McFee defeated Johnny Carter, Time, 15:14.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER**
WED. NITE 8:30 P. M.

—DOUBLE FEATURE—
RASPUTIN —vs—MR. AMERICA **BECKER BROTHERS —vs—CHEST and GENE**

Bobby Lane and Alo Leilani drew.
 Bob McCune defeated Ivan Rasputin, two straight falls, Time, 17:16.
 Chest Bernard and Gene Dubuque defeated George and Bobby Becker.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER**
TONIGHT 8:30 P. M.

O'CONNOR —vs—
BILL MELBY
CHEST —vs— GOLIATH

Bill Melby drew with Pat O'Connor, one fall each, Time, 1 hour.
 Chest Bernard defeated Mighty Goliath, two of three falls, Time, 14:08.
 Jim Dobie defeated Walter Sims, Time, 10:24.
 Bob DeMarco drew with Bill Sledge, Time, 20:00.

**NOTE
CHANGE
OF DATE** → **WRESTLING THURSDAY** **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

Heavyweight Championship

LOU THESZ
—Vs.—
MR. AMERICA

Feb 25 '53

Lou Thesz defeated Bob McCune in two of three falls. Time, 25:20.
Dave Simms defeated Bobby Lane. Time, 16:10.
Larry Hamilton defeated Walter Simms. Time, 8:42.
Mike Blazer defeated Johnny Carson. Time, 12:27.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

TEAM MATCH
2 JAP WRESTLERS
—VS.—
MR. MELBY & AMERICA

65c. 95c. \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Bob (Mr. America) McCune and Bill Melby defeated Mr. Keomuka and King Shibuya in a tag-team match, two of three falls. Time, 20:41.
Chief Bernard defeated Billy Parks. Time, 11:15.
Bill McDaniel defeated Gentleman Jim Dobbie. Time, 14:25.

WRESTLING WED. NITE **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

CHEST —VS—
Hans SCHMIDT

*Feb 4, '53
March 4, '53*

Hans Schmidt defeated Chest Bernard, two of three falls. Time, 29:42.
Billy Parks defeated Bill Sledge. Time, 27:07.
Lord Carlton defeated Wally Dussak. Time, 9:44.
Pat Fraley defeated Larry Hamilton. Time, 14:23.

ONE MIDGET MATCH **WRESTLING TONIGHT** **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

MR. AMERICA AGREES TO PIN 2 JAPS IN ONE HOUR

MR. AMERICA
VS.
Mr. KEOMUKA and SHIBUYA

65c. 95c. \$1.30—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Mr. America defeated Mr. Keomuka and King Shibuya, one fall each. Time, 17:45.
Chief Big Heart defeated Bob DeMarco. Time, 28:44.
Tuffy McRae defeated Tom Thum. Time, 11:24.
Bill McDaniel defeated Art Bull. Time, 17:37.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

ETCHISON
vs. **Hans SCHMIDT**

*Feb 11, '53
Feb 11, '53*

Hans Schmidt defeated Ronnie Etchison, two of three falls. Time, 36:28.
Billy Parks defeated Bob DeMarco. Time, 19:18.
Pat Fraley defeated Chick Garibaldi. Time, 11:36.
Dave Sims defeated Bob Taylor. Time, 7:34.

WRESTLING WED. NITE **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

CHEST —VS.—
KOWALSKI

Killer Kowalski defeated Chest Bernard, two of three falls. Time, 11:37.
Chief Big Heart defeated Benito Gardini. Time, 13:24.
Jack Claybourne defeated Vince Lopez. Time, 11:23.
Bill McDaniel defeated Jerry Woods. Time, 17:24.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

MR. AMERICA vs. FRALEY

ALSO WOMEN WRESTLERS

2 JAP WRESTLERS

*Feb 18, '53
Mar 18, '53*

Bob McCune def Pat Fraley
Kinji Shibuya def Bill Sledge
Duke Keomuka def Art Bull
Terry Majors def Millie Stafford

BIG DOUBLE FEATURE DIVIDEND **WRESTLING TONIGHT** **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

Heavyweight Championship
CHAMPION LOU VS. MR. THESZ--AMERICA
GAGNE--KEOMUKA

Chief Big Heart-McDaniels

Mr. America drew with Lou Thesz, one fall each. Time, 60:06.
Vern Gagne defeated Mr. Keomuka, two straight falls. Time, 29:05.
Bill McDaniel defeated Chief Big Heart. Time, 17:54.

BIG 6-MAN TAG TEAM MATCH

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

MR. AMERICA & CLAYBOURNE CHIEF HEART
VS.
KEOMUKA & CHIEF NACHO McDANIELS

BALBO VS. GARCIA **RESERVATIONS PH. 4-7162**

Mr. America, Chief Big Heart and Jack Claybourne defeated Mr. Keomuka, Reyes Nacho and Bill McDaniels in a tag-team match. Time, 27:00.
Johnny Balbo defeated Juan Garcia, two straight falls. Time, 23:37.
Leo Newman defeated Bob DeMarco. Time, 22:24.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

O'CONNOR Pat
VS.
SCHMIDT Hans

For Reservations Phone 4-7162

Hans Schmidt vs. Pat O'Connor, no match, double disqualification. Time, 31:19.
Mr. America defeated Eduardo Perez. Time, 18:24.
Andre Drapp defeated Bobby Nelson. Time, 16:09.
Alo Leilani defeated Bill McDaniels. Time, 18:36.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

WOMEN BOUT—PLUS MEN'S MAIN GO

ROCCA VS. **CLAYBOURN**

Antonio Rocca defeated Jack Claybourne, two straight falls. Time, 24:31.
Millie Stafford defeated Carol Canota. Time, 19:11.
Johnny Balbo drew with Leo Newman. Time, 20:00.
Bill McDaniels defeated Kala Kwarta. Time, 15:27.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

YUKON ERIC VS. **LISOWSKI**
AMERICA VS. **DRAPP**

For Reservations Phone 4-7162

Yukon Eric defeated Reggie Lisowski, two straight falls. Time, 14:08.
Mr. America defeated Andre Drapp, two straight falls. Time, 13:58.
Alo Leilani defeated Eduardo Perez. Time, 18:28.
Dave Sims drew with Bill McDaniels. Time, 20:08.

WRESTLING WED. NITE **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

Mr. AMERICA vs. **Mc Daniel**
MILDRED BURKE vs. **MILLIE STAFFORD**

RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Bob McCune def Bill McDaniels
Mildred Burke def Millie Stafford
Alo Leilani def Baron Arena
Leo Newman def Jerry Woods

TONIGHT—BALL PARK 8:30 P. M. RAIN OR SHINE

WRESTLING **YUKON ERIC** VS. **MIGHTY ATLAS**

4 OTHER BOUTS
95c—\$1.30—Few Ringside \$1.50
On Sale, New Utica and Ball Park

Yukon Eric defeated The Mighty Atlas, two of three falls. Time: 16:42.
Ivan Kamikoff defeated Bill McDaniels. Time: 13:07.
Andre Drapp and Eduardo Perez drew. Time: 20:00.
Bob McCune defeated Chest Bernard. Time: 17:04.
Gentleman Jim Dobie defeated Chief Kit Fox. Time: 8:52.

WRESTLING WED. NITE **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

COWBOY CARLSON VS. **MIGHTY ATLAS**

RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Cowboy Carlson won by default from Mighty Atlas after one fall each. Time, 15:03.
Eduardo Perez defeated Frankie Hart. Time, 13:17.
Bob DeMarco defeated Leo Newman. Time, 15:17.
Jack Claybourne defeated Dave Sims. Time, 11:28.

TONIGHT—BALL PARK 8:30 P. M. RAIN OR SHINE

WRESTLING **SALE** **GAGNE vs. SCHMIDT**

4,000 General Admission Tickets Now On

NOTICE
All Reservations Made Must Be Picked Up By NOON TODAY

SALE NEW UTICA PH. 4-4121

Gentleman Jim Dobie defeated Bob DeMarco. Time, 15:30.0.
The Great Earl defeated Reggie Lickowski. Time, 18:27.0.
Bob McCune and Andre Drapp defeated Ivan Kamikoff and Ivan Kamikoff. Time, 24:10.0.
Vern Gagne defeated Hans Schmidt (disqualified).

YUKON ERIC--HANS SCHMIDT AT BALL PARK WED., MORE SEATS ADDED

Yukon Eric will try and tame Hans Schmidt at the ball park Wednesday. Bill Kussisto 250 pound All-American football star will referee.



The disqualification rule has been waived at the request of Schmidt. "Okay with me," said Yukon. "I'm big enough to take care of myself."

THE ARENA HAS BEEN ENLARGED so that plenty of seats are now available at the New Utica--Phone 4-4131. Reserved prices are \$1.10 and \$1.50.

ALL RESERVED SEATS MUST BE PICKED UP BY NOON WEDNESDAY.

Gentleman Jim Doble and Ivan Kalmikoff drew.
Reggie Liskowski defeated Andre Drappe. Time, 20:12.
Bob McOne defeated Bobby Nelson. Time, 14:30.0.
Hans Schmidt defeated Yukon Eric. Time, 23:28.0.

WRESTLING
TONIGHT
KRNT THEATER
8:30 P. M.
HANS SCHMIDT
PAT O'CONNOR

85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Jack Carter defeated Milt Olson. Time, 18:48.
Vic Holbrook defeated Bobbie Nelson. Time, 16:03.
Farmer Martin defeated the Canadian Angel. Time, 11:33.
Hans Schmidt defeated Pat O'Connor. Time, 19:14.

WRESTLING
TONIGHT
KRNT THEATER
8:30 P. M.
DARNELL 2
& MELBY vs. JAPS
BOB ORTON vs. FARMER MARLIN

85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Art Bull defeated Bob DeMarre. Time, 13:04.
Johnny Ballo defeated Carl Engstrom. Time, 17:41.
Bob Orton defeated Farmer Martin. Time, 7:43.
Bill Melby and Billy Darnell defeated King and Yarnale. Time, 27:52.

WRESTLING
TONIGHT
KRNT THEATER
8:30 P. M.
The Sensation of the Nation
VERNE GAGNE
vs ART NEILSON

Tickets at KENT & New Utica
85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Verne Gagne over Art Neilson. Time, 21:09.
Bob McOne over Maurice Robbere. Time, 12:07.
Chief Bernard over Reggie Liskowski. Time, 14:41.
Billy McDaniel over Balk Estes. Time, 18:06.

Oct 14, 53

*Sept 23, 53
Oct 28, 53*

*Sept 30, 53
Nov 4, 53*

Oct 14, 53

Nov 11, 53

Ben and Mike Sharpe over Mighty Adam and Chest Bernard. Time, 23:05.
Sonny Nelson over Johnny (The Great) Ballo. Time, 23:41.
Bill McDaniel over Art Bull. Time, 14:08.
Jan Gotch drew with Mr. X. Time, 20:00.

SHARPES
—vs.—
DUSEKS
Team Bout
WRESTLING
TONIGHT
KRNT THEATER
8:30 P. M.
BIG DOUBLE MAIN GO
PAT O'CONNOR vs. MELBY
BILLY DARNELL vs. JAN GOTCH

Tickets at Theater and New Utica
85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

George Scott defeated Bob DeMarre. 11:47.
Billy Darnell defeated Jan Gotch. 10:07.
Pat O'Connor defeated Billy Melby. 23:33.
Ben and Mike Sharpe defeated Joe and Emil Dusek. 28:20.

WRESTLING
TONIGHT
KRNT THEATER
8:30 P. M.
ORTON —vs— KOWALSKI
GEO. —vs— PAT O'CONNOR
SCOTT
Tickets at Theater and New Utica

85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Art Bull defeated the Canadian Angel. Time, 16:47.
Van Mountain Dean, Jr. defeated Jan Gotch. Time, 1:44.
Pat O'Connor defeated George Scott. Time, 18:21.
Killer Kowalski defeated Bob Orton. Time, 31:53.

WRESTLING
TONIGHT
KRNT THEATER
8:30 P. M.
GUEST ANNOUNCER
JACK BRICKHOUSE
United States Champion
V. GAGNE
vs. Pat O'CONNOR

Tickets at KENT & New Utica
85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Verne Gagne defeated Pat O'Connor. Time, 36:44.
Bob McOne defeated Van Mountain Dean, Jr. Time, 4:58.
Bill McDaniel defeated Kenny Echles. Time, 15:04.
George Scott defeated Maurice Robbere. Time, 16:57.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.
TONIGHT
 FOR WORLD'S TAG CHAMPIONSHIP
SHARPE BROS.
 —VS—
MELBY & DARNELL
 Tickets at KRNT and New Utica
 85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Ben and Mike Sharpe drew with Bill Melby and Bill Darnell. Hour limit. Bill McDaniel defeated George Scott. Time 12:11. Alo Leilani defeated Angelo Patino. Time 13:36. Benito Gardini defeated Jerry Woods. Time 11:24.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.
TONIGHT
 JACK DEMPSEY'S PROTEGE
RAY GUNKEL
 —VS—
BOB McCUNE
 TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) (10 A.M.-6 P.M.) AND NEW UTICA
 Children 50c—85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Reservation Phone 4-7162

Ray Gunkel def Bob McCune
 Bob Orton def Gypsy Joe
 Bill McDaniel drew Alo Leilani
 Bearcat Wright def Fritz Von Eric

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.
TONIGHT
 JACK DEMPSEY AND HIS PROTEGE IN PERSON
Jacks Ray Gunkel
 —VS—
Yukon ERIC ATLAS
Yukon ERIC McDaniels
 TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon.-Sat. 10 A.M.-6 P.M.) AND NEW UTICA
 85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—Reservation Phone 4-7162

Yukon Eric defeated Bill McDaniel. Time 18:35.
 Ray Gunkel defeated Mighty Atlas. Time 25:10.
 Rocky Colombo defeated Benito Gardini. Time 9:10.
 Mel Dove defeated George Scott. Time 18:10.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.
TONIGHT
 United States Champion
VERNE GAGNE
 —VS—
ART NEILSON
 TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) (10 A.M.-6 P.M.) AND NEW UTICA

Verne Gagne defeated Art Neilson, two of three falls. Time 18:15.
 Johnny (The Great) Balbo defeated Rocky Colombo. Time 17:00.
 Bill McDaniel defeated Vic Holbrook. Time 16:32.
 Bearcat Wright defeated Jerry Woods. Time 9:26.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.
TONIGHT
YUKON ERIC
 —VS—
HANS SCHMIDT
 TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat. 10 A.M.-6 P.M.) AND NEW UTICA
 85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—Reservation Phone 4-7162

Yukon Eric defeated Hans Schmidt. Time 14:00.
 Carlos Law defeated Mel Dove. Time 10:27.
 Bill McDaniel defeated Bobby Newton. Time 13:35.
 Art Bull drew with Fritz Von Eric. Time 20:00.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.
TONIGHT
 ALSO TAG TEAM MATCH
 JACK DEMPSEY'S PROTEGE
RAY GUNKEL
 —VS—
O'CONNOR
 TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) (10 A.M.-6 P.M.) AND NEW UTICA
 Children 50c—85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Reservation Phone 4-7162

Ray Gunkel drew Pat O'Connor
 Bob McCune def Bob Lane
 Jack Nichols def Bob DeMarce
 Alo Leilani & Bearcat Wright def Bill McDaniel & Jack Carter

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.
TONIGHT
 FOR WORLD'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
SHARPE BROS.
 —VS—
MELBY & DARNELL
 TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) (10 A.M.-6 P.M.) AND NEW UTICA
 Children 50c—85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—Reservation Phone 4-7162

Ben and Mike Sharpe defeated Bill Melby and Bill Darnell, two out of three falls in a tag team match. Time 15:08.
 Bob McCune defeated Bob Orton. Time 23:41.
 Alo Leilani defeated Fritz Von Eric. Time 13:56.
 Rocky Colombo defeated Whiter Walberg. Time 12:21.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.
TONIGHT
YUKON ERIC
 6'5" — 275 Lbs.
 —VS—
SKY-HI-LEE
 6' 9" — 290 Lbs.
 TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) (10 A.M.-6 P.M.) AND NEW UTICA
 Children 50c—85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Reservation Phone 4-7162

Yukon Eric defeated Sky-Hi-Lee, two out of three falls. Time 24:30.
 Bearcat Wright won by referee's disqualification over Fritz Von Eric. Time 13:41.
 Bill McDaniel drew with Jack Wittig. Time 20:00.
 Jack Nichols defeated Frank Hult. Time 10:37.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.

ARGENTINE **ROCCA**
vs. **SKY-HI LEE**

6' 9" — 290 Lbs.

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) 10 a. m. - 8 p. m. AND NEW UTICA
Children 50c—85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Reservation Phone 4-7162.

Argentine Rocca defeated Sky-Hi Lee, two out of three falls. Time 23:15.
Fritz Von Eric defeated Jackie Nichols. Time 21:25.
Hans Hermann defeated Harry Lewis. Time 23:35.
Alto Lallani drew with Jack Witzig. Time 20:00.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.

MELBY 6-MAN TAG TEAM MATCH
TEAM — vs. — TEAM

vs. **LISOWSKI** **RASPUTIN** vs. **WITZIG**
KINJI vs. **NICHOLS**
VON ERIC vs. **HERMANN**

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) 10 a. m. - 8 p. m. AND NEW UTICA
Children 50c—85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Reservation Phone 4-7162

Jack Witzig, Jackie Nichols and Hans Hermann defeated Ivan Rasputin. The Great Kinji and Fritz Von Eric, two of three falls in a tag team match. Time 35:26.
Bill Melby defeated Reggie Lisowski, two of three falls. Time 20:19.
Mike DiBianca defeated Jack Moore. Time 18:07.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.

KOWALSKI
vs.
YUKON ERIC

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) 10 a. m. - 8 p. m. AND NEW UTICA
Res.: 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Gen. Adm. Adult: 85c, Child 50c. Ph. 4-7162

Killer Kowalski defeated Yukon Eric, two of three falls. Time 20:48.
Hans Hermann defeated Bearcat Wright. Time 5:02.
Art Bull defeated Jackie Nichols. Time 17:43.
Mike DiBianca defeated Paul DeGallies. Time 19:54.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.

KOWALSKI
—vs— **HANS SCHMIDT**

Hans Schmidt defeated Killer Kowalski, two-of-three falls. Time 22:20.
Hans Hermann defeated Bearcat Wright. Time 8:32.
Rudy Kay drew with Larry Chene. Art Bull defeated Balk Estes. Time 17:39.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.

United States Champion
VERNE GAGNE -vs-
HANS HERMANN

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) 10 a. m. - 8 p. m. AND NEW UTICA
Res.: 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Gen. Adm. Adult: 85c, Child 50c. Ph. 4-7162

Vern Gagne defeated Hans Hermann, two of three falls. Time 20:11.
Bob McNamee defeated Al Lallani. Time 20:10.
Ella Waldek defeated Dot Dotson. Time 9:04.
Gypsy Joe defeated George Drake. Time 17:43.

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.

Tag Team Championship
NEILSON-LISOWSKI
—vs—
MELBY-WITZIG

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) 10 a. m. - 8 p. m. AND NEW UTICA
Res.: 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Gen. Adm. Adult: 85c, Child 50c. Ph. 4-7162

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER** 8:30 P. M.

JACK DEMPSEY'S PROTEGE
RAY GUNKEL
—vs—
HANS SCHMIDT

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat.) 10 a. m. - 8 p. m. AND NEW UTICA
Res.: 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Gen. Adm. Adult: 85c, Child 50c. Ph. 4-7162

Ray Gunkel defeated Hans Schmidt (Schmidt was disqualified). Time 35:48.
Hans Hermann defeated Angelo Poffo. Time 7:43.
Bobby Lane defeated Frank Thompson. Time 14:58.
Rob Taylor defeated Joe Adelman. Time 11:04.

Yukon Eric vs. Hans Hermann

5-24-54

Yukon Eric defeated Hans Hermann, two of three falls. Time 24:10.
Bill Melby and Mighty Atlas drew. Time 30:00.
Bill McNamee defeated Bobby Lane. Time 14:08.
Mike Blazer and Mike DiBianca. Time 20:00.

11/28/54

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

Tag Team Championship

NEILSON-LISOWSKI

—VS—

MELBY—WITZIG

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat. 10 a. m. - 9 p. m.) AND NEW UTICA
Res.: 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50. Gen. Adm. Adult: 85c. Child 50c. Ph. 4-7162

Art Neilson and Reggie Lisowski defeated Bill Melby and Jack Witzig two out of three falls. Time, 33:18.
Sonny Meyers defeated Bobby Lane. Time, 21:12.
Fritz Von Eric defeated George Scott. Time, 15:28.
Bob D-Marcos defeated Bob Taylor. Time, 7:57.

11/28/54

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

VERNE GAGNE vs. BILL MELBY

ORTON vs. NELSON—CHEST vs. MURPHY

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat. 10 a. m. - 9 p. m.) AND NEW UTICA

Jack Witzig defeated Doc Gallagher. Time, 10:44.
Chest Bernard defeated Matt Murphy. Time, 18:58.
Bob Orton defeated Bobby Neilson. Time, 13:39.
Verne Gagne defeated Bill Melby, two of three falls. Time, 31:13.

11/28/54

WRESTLING WED. NITE **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

HANS SCHMIDT

PAT O'CONNOR

85c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50—RESERVATION PHONE 4-7162

Hans Schmidt and Pat O'Connor drew. Time, 60 minutes.
Sonny Myers defeated Fritz Von Eric. Time, 22:53.
Matt Murphy defeated Bill McDaniel (McDaniel disqualified). Time, 14:44.
Johnny The Great Balbo defeated Doc Gallagher. Time, 9:52.

11/28/54

WRESTLING WED. NITE **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

FOR WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Year's Biggest Event

—CHAMPION—

LOU THESZ

—vs.—Challenger, Sonny MYERS

Bob Orton - vs. - Chest Bernard

—NO ADVANCE IN PRICES—

Sale KRNT phone 4-7162—& UTICA

Lou Thesz defeated Sonny Myers, two out of three falls. Time, 27:08.
Chest Bernard and Bob Orton drew. Time, 30:00.
Bob McEune defeated Fritz Von Eric. Time, 18:38.
Richard Brown defeated George Gallagher. Time, 9:41.

11/28/54

WRESTLING TONIGHT **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

SONNY MYERS-ORTON

—ALS—

LADY WRESTLING MATCH

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat. 10 a. m. - 9 p. m.) AND NEW UTICA
Res.: 90c, \$1.20, \$1.40. Gen. Adm. Adult: 80c. Child. 50c. Ph. 4-7162

Sonny Myers defeated Bob Orton, two straight falls. Time, 10:43.
Neil Stewart defeated Ella Wadok, two of three falls. Time, 19:53.
Bob McEune defeated Frank Hewitt. Time, 14:10.
Bill McDaniel defeated Dave Stone. Time, 15:06.

11/28/54

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.**

NOTE CHANGED DATE

TUESDAY

The Sensational Rocca Here!

ARGENTINA HANS

ROCCA vs HERMAN

TICKETS AT THEATER (Mon. thru Sat. 10 a. m. - 9 p. m.) AND NEW UTICA
Res.: 90c, \$1.20, \$1.40. Gen. Adm. Adult: 80c. Child. 50c. Ph. 4-7162

Argentina Rocca defeated Hans Hermann, two straight falls. Time, 14:08.
Matt Murphy defeated Bobby Neilson. Time, 21:14.
Fritz Von Eric and Bill McDaniel drew. Time, 9:00.
Jack Carter defeated Bill Lewis. Time, 12:45.

SEP 20 1954

WRESTLING

TONITE

KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

ROY McCLARITY

vs. VERN GAGNE

Vern Gagne (Robbinsdale, Minn.) drew with Roy McClarity (Canada).
Ivan Rappaport (New York, N. Y.) threw Art Enstrom (Chicago, Ill.). Time, 13:07.
Big Roy Bartleman (Waterloo, Ia.) threw Hank Eales (Fort Wayne, Ind.). Time, 8:11.
Bob D-Marcos (Ottawa, Ia.) threw Dick Witt (Des Moines). Time, 11:04.

SEP 29 1954

WRESTLING

TONIGHT

KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

ROY McCLARITY

vs.—ART NEILSON

YUKON ERIC

vs.—MIKE FERRAZZO

ALSO—

MIDGETS TAG TEAM.

Roy McClarity (Minneapolis, Minn.) defeated Art Neilson (Atlanta, Ga.), two of three falls. Time, 20:19.
Pee Wee James and Tiny Tim defeated Ski Low Low and Otto Rohman, two of three falls. Time, 40:08.
Yukon Eric (Alaska) defeated Mike Ferrazzo (Detroit, Mich.). Time, 14:21.
Pee Wee James defeated Ski Low Low. Ski Low Low disqualified. Time, 10:27.

WRESTLING
WED. NITE
KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.
ANTONINO
ROCCA
vs. IVAN
RASPUTIN
BOB ORTON VS. COWBOY
ORTON VS. CARLSON

OCT 6 1954

Antonino Rocca (Argentina) defeated Ivan Rasputin, two straight falls, Time, 14:30.
Bob Orton (Kansas City, Kan.) defeated Cowboy Carlson (Poudre River, Mont.) two out of three falls. Carlson failed to answer bell for final fall. Time, 10:20.
Big Roy Barrieman (Waterloo) defeated Harry Lewis (New York, N. Y.), Time, 5:04.
Jim Dohie (Burlington) defeated Bob DeMarco (Duluth), Time, 13:12.

WRESTLING
TONITE
KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.
ROY
McCLARITY
VERN GAGNE
NO TIME LIMIT
ALSO JUNE BYERS—
NEW WOMEN'S CHAMP

Nov. 17, 1954

Yukon Eric (Alaska) defeated Don Leo Jonathan (Salt Lake City, Utah) two out of three falls, Time, 28:17.
June Byers (Columbus, Ohio) defeated Penny Banner (St. Louis, Mo.) straight falls, Time, 20:18.
Cowboy Carlson (Poudre River, Mont.) and Bob McClarity (Burlington) drew.
Dick Wirth (Des Moines) defeated Bob DeMarco (Duluth), Time, 9:07.

WRESTLING
WED. NITE
KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.
BOB
—VS—
HANS **ORTON**
SCHMIDT
ETCHISON vs. SILVI

Oct. 13, 54

Hans Schmidt (Germany) defeated Bob Orton (Kansas City), two out of three falls, Time, 29:18.
Ronnie Etchison (St. Joseph) defeated Johnny Silva (New York), two straight falls, Time, 25:00.
Farmer Jones (Arkansas) defeated Karl Kray (Milwaukee), Time, 14:36.
Bob DeMarco (Ottawa) defeated Balk Estes (Indianapolis), Time, 11:21.

WRESTLING
TONITE
KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.
DON LEO
JONATHAN
vs. **YUKON ERIC**
BATTLE OF GIANTS

Nov. 24, 54

Yukon Eric (Alaska) defeated Don Leo Jonathan (Salt Lake City, Utah) two out of three falls, Time, 28:17.
Cheet Bernard (Kansas City, Mo.) defeated Dave Sims (Toronto, Canada) two out of three falls, Time, 34:31.
The Great Karposilos (Greece) defeated Bill Dimitri (New York, N. Y.), Time, 5:34.
Bob DeMarco (Ottawa) defeated Scotty Williams (Springfield, Mo.), Time, 13:32.

WRESTLING
TONITE
KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.
ANTONINO
—VS—
HANS **ROCCA**
SCHMIDT
ALL STAR SHOW

Oct. 20, 54

Argentina Rocca def Hans Schmidt

Don Leo vs Bob DeMarco
Dave Sims vs M Lewis
M Roberts vs B B Bartleman

WRESTLING TONIGHT
KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.
SPONSORED BY MARCH-OF-DIMES
—ASSISTED BY PINKIE GEORGE—
HANS SCHMIDT —VS—
DON LEO JONATHAN
ALSO: MIDGETS IN
TAG TEAM MATCH
AND 2 OTHER BOUTS
ALL PROFIT GOES TO:
MARCH-OF-DIMES FOUNDATION
85c—95c—1.30—1.50
On Sale Ph. 4-7162
TICKETS AT THEATER
NEW UTICA (Mon. thru Sat.
10 a. m.—4 p. m.)

Feb 2, 55

Hans Schmidt defeated Don Leo Jonathan, two of three falls, Time, 26:30.
Doc Wee James and Tuffy McCrue defeated Little Ivan and Tom Thumb, two of three falls, Time, 29:13.
Jim Dohie defeated Mike Farrazzo, Time, 13:34.
Anton Leons defeated Art Ball, Time, 11:52.

WRESTLING
WED. NITE
KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.
ROY
McCLARITY
—VS—
DON LEO
JONATHAN
RONNY ETCHISON
VS — BOB McCUNE

Nov. 10, 54

Roy McClarity (Minneapolis, Minn.) defeated Don Leo Jonathan (Salt Lake City, Utah), two of three falls, Time, 26:27.
Ronnie Etchison (St. Joseph, Mo.) defeated Bob McCune (Amsterdam, N. Y.), two of three falls, Time, 34:23.
Big Roy Barrieman (Waterloo) defeated Mark Lewis (Kansas City, Mo.), Time, 9:13.
Jim Dohie (Burlington) defeated Scotty Williams (Springfield, Mo.), Time, 8:32.

WRESTLING
FRI. NITE
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
HANS
SCHMIDT & HERMAN
VS.
NEILSON & LISOWSKI
TICKETS AT THEATER
NEW UTICA (Mon. thru Sat.
10 a. m.—4 p. m.)
85c—95c—1.30—1.50
On Sale Ph. 4-7162

Mar 22, 55

Hans Schmidt and Hans Herman defeated Reggie Lisowski and Sam Samson, two out of three falls, Time, 29:37.
Doc Wee James defeated Jim Dohie, Time, 20:23.
Art Ball defeated Mike Dimitri, Time, 20:58.
Bob DeMarco defeated Al Babal, Time, 11:54.

55

NEXT WED. WRESTLING KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

Their First Match in Des Moines!

VERN GAGNE vs. YUKON ERIC

Plus Midget Tag Teams and 1 Other Bout

TICKET SALE NOW at Theater & New Utica

Box Office Open 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Phone 4-7162

Verne Gagne (Minnesota) defeated Yukon Eric (Massachusetts) two out of three falls. Time, 17:11.

Johnny Kostas (Greece) defeated Al Wershasky (Detroit), two out of three falls. Time, 15:50.

Lord Clayton (Lynchburg) and Pee Wee James (England) defeated Every Good and Irish Pickle (Ireland), two out of three falls. Time, 17:13.

55

WRESTLING KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY!

ANOTHER TRIPLE MAIN EVENT HEADED BY

Vern GAGNE and Roy McCLARITY

TEAMED AGAINST **Mr. Moto & Mitsu Arakawa**

Better Get Your Tickets Early For This One!

Tickets now on sale at KRNT Theater and New Utica
Box office open 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. Phone 4-7162

Verne Gagne & Roy McClarity def Mr Moto & Mitsu Arakawa
Bob Orton def Chet Wallick
John Kostas def Stan Kowalski

55

WRESTLING KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY!

A BATTLE ROYAL BETWEEN TWO ROUGH-HOUSE RASCALS!

Hans SCHMIDT vs. Bob ORTON

4 BIG BOUTS—WORLD'S TAG TEAM CHAMPS PLUS WOMEN WRESTLERS! Whatta Show!

Tickets now on sale at KRNT Theater and New Utica
Box Office open 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Phone 4-7162

Hans Schmidt (Germany) defeated Bob Orton (Kansas City), two out of three falls. Time, 31:39.

Joe Tangaro and Guy Brunetti (St. Louis) drew with Big Don Lee and Ike Elkins (Kentucky). Time 30:00.

Chino Miro (Cuba) defeated Don Dotson (Florida). Time, 7:10.

Ray Villmer (St. Louis) defeated Jack Steel (Centerville, Ia.). Time, 14:34.

Biggest Card in Years! WRESTLING KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY!

Argentina vs. ROCCA



vs. SONNY MYERS

TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS
BRUNETTI & TANGARO
vs. Bob ORTON & Harry LEWIS

Johnny Kostas vs. Walt Sirois

Ticket Sale NOW!
at Theater and New Utica. Phone 4-7162.
Box office open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prices: 75c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50 (Inc. Tax)

Argentina Rooca (Argentina) defeated Sonny Myers (St. Joseph, Mo.) two out of three falls. Time, 24:19.

Joe Brunetti and Guy Tangaro (St. Louis) defeated Bob Orton and Harry Lewis (Kansas City) two out of three falls. Time, 32:11.

Johnny Kostas (Greece) defeated Walt Sirois (Atlanta, Ga.) two out of three falls. Time, 30:49.

Dick Brown and Mark Lewis drew. Time, 15:00.

11-25-50

WRESTLING KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY!

FOR WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP!

LOU vs. HANS

THESZ vs. SCHMIDT

PLUS THREE OTHER BIG MATCHES

TICKET SALE NOW at Theater and New Utica

75c, 95c, \$1.30, \$1.50 Phone 4-7162 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lou Thesz def Hans Schmidt
John Kostas def Don Lee
Dick Brown def Chet Wallick
Harou Yamamoto def Mark Lewin

11-25-50

WRESTLING KRNT THEATER 8:30 P. M.

Next WEDNESDAY!

FOR THE WORLD'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP!

Hans SCHMIDT and HERMAN

vs. Tag Team Champs **TANGARO & BRUNETTI**

Plus! WOMEN WRESTLERS!

Tickets now on sale at KRNT Theater and New Utica. Box office open 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Phone 4-7162

Prices: 75c 95c \$1.30 \$1.50 Inc. Tax



Joe Tangaro and Guy Brunetti defeated Hans Schmidt and Hans Hermann, two out of three falls. Time, 31 minutes 42 seconds.

Bibber McCoy (Boston) defeated Johnny Kostas (Greece). Time, 18:31.

Prudy Banner (St. Louis) defeated Belle Starr (Columbus, Ohio). Time, 13:24.

Banner and Merv Stafford (Minneapolis, Minn.) defeated Starr and Edith Wade (Houston, Tex.) two out of three falls. Time, 37:03.

TRIPLE MAIN EVENT! **WRESTLING** **KRNT THEATER** **TONIGHT!** **8:30 P. M.**

VERN GAGNE vs. GUY BRUNETTI

Plus TWO OTHER MAIN EVENTS

Tickets now on sale at KRNT Theater and New Utica box offices. Open 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Phone 4-7162 for reservations

HURRY! Get Your Tickets Now!

Prices: 75c 95c \$1.30 \$1.50 Inc. Tax

Vern Gagne (Minneapolis) defeated Guy Brunetti (St. Louis), two of three falls. Time, 10:47.
Joe Fankaro (St. Louis) defeated Aldo Boni (Argentina), two straight falls. Time, 19:00.
Iron Mike and Bulldog Piechus (Omaha) defeated Larry Hamilton and Bud Corby (St. Joseph), two straight falls. Time, 23:08.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** **NEXT WEDNESDAY** **8:30 P. M.** **OLYMPIC FUND SHOW**

VERN GAGNE vs. BILL MELBY

Also TAG TEAM MATCH

Tickets now on sale at KRNT THEATER and New Utica. Phone 4-7162 weekdays 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. for reservations.

Prices 75c 95c \$1.30 \$1.50 Inc. Tax

Vern Gagne defeated Bill Melby, two of three falls.
Don Olson and Bobby Bruns, Kansas City, defeated Iron Mike DiBiase and Joe Dusek, Omaha, two of three falls.
Richard Brown, Walla, Kan., defeated Don Corby, New York, two of three falls.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** **TOMORROW** **8:30 P. M.**

WILD RED BERRY - TANGARO

Also Women Championship Bout BYERS vs BANNERS

Tickets now on sale at KRNT Theater and New Utica. Phone 4-7162 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. for reservations.

Prices 75c 95c \$1.30 \$1.50 Inc. Tax

Wild Red Berry (Dallas, Tex.) defeated Joe Fankaro (St. Louis, Mo.), two of three falls.
June Byers (Columbus, Ohio) defeated Penny Banners (St. Louis, Mo.), two of three falls.
Iron Mike (Omaha, Neb.) drew with Guy Brunetti (St. Louis).
Bob Corby (St. Joseph, Mo.) defeated Bulldog Piechus (Omaha, Neb.), Time, 1:00.

WRESTLING **SAT. NITE** **9:30 to 11:30** **4 Big Bouts** **VERN GAGNE** **HANS HERMAN** **GOTCH ARENA**

801 Forest at J. C. Center

LIMITED SEATING **90c & 1.50 on** **Sale at New Utica**

GAGNE VICTOR IN BOUT HERE

9-15-56
Vern Gagne had an easy time winning the main event Saturday night in the first wrestling show in Frank Gotch Memorial Arena.

Gagne won the first fall from Hans Herman in 7 minutes 20 seconds with a press and pin back. He then took the match with his famous sleeper hold.

Dale Parrick of Highland Park, Ill., drew with Joe Dusek of Omaha in the 15-minute first event. Carl Engstrom of Milwaukee took two of three falls against Joe Pazandak of Minneapolis in the second event.

Bobby Bruns of Des Moines drew with Mike DiBiase of Lincoln, Neb., in the 15-minute special event.

Five television stations across Iowa telecast the affair.

WRESTLING **KRNT THEATER** **TONIGHT** **8:30 P. M.**

Georgeous GEORGE vs. Wild RED BERRY

Also TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES! **75c 95c \$1.30 \$1.50** (tax inc.)

Ticket sale now at Theater and New Utica. Phone 4-7162 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Richard Brown (Walla, Kan.) defeated Bibber McCoy (Boston, Mass.), two of three falls.
Iron Mike and Bulldog Piechus (Omaha) defeated Joe Fankaro and Guy Brunetti (St. Louis), two of three falls.
Wild Red Berry (Dallas, Tex.) defeated Georgeous George (Hollywood, Cal.), two of three falls.

WRESTLING **TONIGHT 9:30** **Bill Melby** **also Roy McClarity and LADY WRESTLERS** **GOTCH ARENA**

801 Forest Ave.

MELBY SCORES MAT DECISION

9-22-56
Exhibition Results
Mary Jackson (Peoria, Ill.) drew with Billy Wicks (St. Paul, Minn.), Time, 15:00.
Lorraine Johnson (Red Wing, Minn.) defeated Annette Palmer (Huron, S. D.), 2 out of 3 falls. Time, 22:10.
Roy McClarity (Winipeg) defeated Bozo Brown (Hickory, Ky.), 1 fall. Time, 11:50.
Bill Melby (Salt Lake City, Utah) defeated Seymour Keonig (New York, N. Y.), 2 out of 3 falls. Time, 31:15.

Bill Melby of Salt Lake City, Utah, rallied to get the nod over Seymour Keonig, New York professional wrestler, in Saturday night's featured television match at Frank Gotch Memorial Arena.

Keonig used a press on Melby for the first fall in 19½ minutes, then saw the match go even in 6 minutes when Melby used the same hold.

Melby's cobra twist finished the match in 6:15.

In the first television event, Canadian Roy McClarity took a one-fall decision from Bozo Brown of Hickory, Ky., in 11:50.

Melby - Schmidt TV Mat Feature

Tonight's Program

TELEvised BOUTS
Bill Melby and Hans Schmidt, two of three falls, 10-minute limit.
NON-TELEvised BOUTS
Bobby Burns and Steve McGill, one fall, 15-minute limit.
Carl Engstrom and Mario De Souza, two of three falls, 10-minute limit.

Hans Schmidt and Bill Melby meet tonight for the United States Wrestling championship in the television main event at Frank Gotch Arena, 801 Forest ave.

The best two-of-three falls bout will be Schmidt's first defense of the title he recently won and also the first championship match to be televised here.

The TV opener has Bobby Burns going against Roy McClarity.

In the non-televvised bouts, Carl Engstrom meets Mario De Souza in a two out of three fall 40 minute bout. Bozo Brown and Steve McGill meet in the opening match at 9:30 o'clock.



MELBY

RUSSIANS WIN MAT FEATURE

Boris and Nicolo Volkoff, Russian claimants to the tag team wrestling championship, took the first and third falls to defeat Seymour Koneig and Dick Kline of New York Saturday night at a televised match at Gotch Memorial Hall.

In a special event matching midgets, Little Panther scored a one-fall victory over Ski Low Low, 10-6-58.

Two Des Moines matmen triumphed. Bobby Burns won two falls from Johnny Berger of St. Joseph, Mo., and Dick Witt defeated Johnny Lake of Topeka, Kan., in one fall.

TAG CROWN TO NEW PAIR

Roy McClarity and Bobby Burns claimed the National Wrestling Alliance tag team title Saturday night by outlasting brothers Nicoli and Boris Volkoff in a feature match at Frank Gotch Memorial Arena.

McClarity and Burns took two of three falls.

Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight boxing champion, appeared at ring-side and was introduced to the overflow crowd.

In another feature on the televised portion of the show, Cowboy Dick Raines took one fall from Bearcat Wright in 9 minutes 40 seconds.

Des Moines' Dick Witt turned back Billy Wikes in a best-of-three falls match and Steve McGill dropped Bobby Knox of Des Moines in 14 minutes.

GAGNE, FOE DRAW ON TV

Verne Gagne and Roy McClarity scrapped to a draw in the one-hour televised wrestling match Saturday night at Gotch Memorial Arena.

In the one-fall special event on television Bill Melby, the dropkick artist, threw Carl Engstrom.

In non-televvised bouts Dr. Lee Grable and Dick Webb drew, while Craig Peterson scored two straight falls over Dick Moore, 10-13-58.

BRUNS, SCHMIDT SCRAP TO DRAW

Time ran out on Bobby Burns and Hans Schmidt after each had gained a fall and Schmidt retained his national wrestling alliance championship before a sellout crowd at Gotch Memorial Arena and a television audience Saturday night.

Schmidt's fall came on a back-breaker with about 25 minutes gone and Burns salvaged a tie with a perfectly executed flying head scissors with only 4 minutes left.

In a midget tag match, Little Panther and Tiny Tim prevailed over Tom Thumb and Tiny Roe in a one-fall event.

Non-television matches saw Johnny Berger emerge over Jimmy Siskey and Tom Thumb handle Little Panther.

ROCCA WINNER IN TV FEATURE

Argentina Rocca of Argentina scored two straight falls over Eddie (Kid) Lewis of New York Saturday night to win the television wrestling feature at Gotch Memorial Arena.

In the special event Cowboy Dick Raines of Dallas, Tex., scored a one-fall victory over Sam Manacker of El Paso, Tex.

June Byers of Columbus, Ohio, gained two successive falls over Penny Banner of St. Louis, Mo., in a woman's event. Benito Gardini of New York and Johnny Berger of St. Louis, Mo., drew in a 15-minute match.

TAG CHAMPS KEEP TITLE

Bobby Burns of Des Moines and Roy McClarity of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, retained the United States tag team wrestling title Saturday night at Gotch Memorial Arena by gaining a draw with Boris and Nicoli Volkoff of Russia.

Each team scored one fall before the televised match was ended by the one-hour time limit.

In the other televised match Bill Melby of Salt Lake City, Utah, scored a one-fall victory over Tommy O'Toole of Boston.

In non-televvised bouts, Dick Witt of Des Moines scored two successive falls over Billy Wicks of St. Paul, Minn., and Billy Knox of Des Moines wrestled Frank Hurley of Australia to a draw.

D.M. Wrestler Wins TV Match

Bobby Burns of Des Moines won the feature television wrestling match from Cowboy Dick Raines of Dallas, Tex., Saturday night at Gotch Memorial Arena.

Burns won his decisive second fall by getting back into the ring within the required 10 seconds while Raines didn't make it when both fell out of the ring.

In the other televised match Ches Bernard of Kansas City scored a one-fall victory over Lou Pinto of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

In the featured non-televvised event Rose Roman of Des Moines won two of three falls from Ramona TaSelle of New York. In the first non-televvised match Pat Hannigan of Los Angeles won a one-fall decision over Billy Wicks of St. Paul.

MAT FEATURE TO McCLARITY

Canada's Roy McClarity handed Bill Melby of Salt Lake City, Utah, a two-fall setback Saturday night in the televised wrestling feature at Gotch Arena.

In the televised special event, Gypsy Joe and Australian Frank Hurley wrestled to a 15-minute draw.

Cowboy Dick Raines of Dallas, Tex., took the non-televvised main event. He defeated Tommy O'Toole of Boston, Mass., in two falls.

Jack Daniels of Minneapolis handed Fritz Von Schupp of Germany a one-fall defeat in 6 minutes 45 seconds.

DRAW IN TV MAT MATCH

Richard Brown of Kansas City and Cowboy Dick Raines of Dallas, Tex., drew in the televised professional wrestling feature match Saturday night at Gotch Arena.

Each had scored one fall when the hour time limit expired. In the other televised bout Rose Roman defeated Ramona TaSelle of New York in a one-fall women's bout.

In non-televvised matches Steve McGill of Omaha scored a one-fall victory over Bobby Knox of Des Moines and Bobby Burns of Des Moines took 2 of 3 falls from Tommie O'Toole of Boston, Mass.

McClarity Wins TV Mat Feature

Roy McClarity of Winnipeg scored two straight falls over Cowboy Dick Raines of Dallas, Tex., Saturday night in the televised wrestling program at Gotch Arena.

In the other televised match Chest Bernard of Kansas City scored a one-fall victory over Bearcat Wright of Omaha.

Des Moines wrestlers triumphed in both non-televvised events. Bob DeMarco defeated Bobby Knox of Des Moines in one fall and Bobby Burns won in two successive falls from Lou Pinto of Toronto.

12-22-56 Des Moines
Dick Brown def. Martin Angelo
Bob Bruns vs. Chest Bernard
Sky Low Low- Irish Jackie Brown
Brown Park an-Rito Infants

12-29-56 Des Moines
Bob Bruns def. McClarty def.
Chest Bernard- Mike Dillase
Dick White def. Jack Knox
Winley Stadium-aws DeForest Bellini
Dick Brown vs. Frank Hurley

Geigel Scores 2-Fall Triumph

Bob Geigel, former State University of Iowa wrestler, defeated Duke Dimitri of Chicago in the main event Saturday night at Gotch Arena.

Geigel, from Algona, scored two straight falls, first after 15 minutes and the second after 22 minutes 35 seconds.

In the special TV event, Bobby Bruns of Des Moines drew with Chest Bernard of Kansas City. In a match between girl midget wrestlers, Baby Doe of South Africa defeated Caroline Bennett of Pineville, Mo. 1-5-57

Steve McGill of Omaha took two of three falls from Tom Zamboni of Pueblo, Colo., in the opening match.

1-12-57 Des Moines
Roy McClarty drew Jack Pesek
Bob Bruns def. Dick Brown

THESE DRAGS WITH CARE

Bob Geigel of Algona, Iowa, the champion, says that of St. Louis for another night, neither able to give a fall to the referee's decision. Wrestling feature of Gotch Arena Saturday night, thus retains the title.

In the television special event, Jack Pesek of Omaha, Neb., won when Chest Bernard of Kansas City failed to get back in the ring before a count of 10.

Bobby Bruns of Des Moines defeated Duke Dimitri of Chicago, Neb., in the main event of the television special. Bruns was the winner in the opening match, defeating Tom Zamboni of Pueblo, Colo.

GEIGEL WINS IN TV MATCH

A pair of spinning toeholds let Bob Geigel of Algona, Ia., handle Chest Bernard in the main event of the weekly television wrestling show at Gotch Arena Saturday night. Geigel, former State University of Iowa wrestler, disposed of his opponent in two straight falls in a main event that was the featured special of the weekly show. Chest Bernard of Kansas City, who was the challenger, was defeated by Geigel in the first fall after 15 minutes and in the second fall after 22 minutes 35 seconds. In the opening match, Bobby Bruns of Des Moines drew with Chest Bernard of Kansas City. In a match between girl midget wrestlers, Baby Doe of South Africa defeated Caroline Bennett of Pineville, Mo. 1-5-57



WRESTLING

U. S. CHAMP—WILBUR

SNYDER

who beat Gagne & Schmidt

vs. VERN GAGNE

AUDITORIUM

Tues., Oct. 15, 8:30



Also TAG TEAM

Plus LADY

WRESTLERS

90c \$1.50

LADIES Children 30c

FREE when accompanied by paid admission in outside and payment of tax. Get your tickets at Auditorium or New Utica.

Wilbur Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., 24:30.

10-15-57

11-27-57

WRESTLING

CHAMPIONSHIP

SNYDER

vs. VERN GAGNE

CAN VERN HOLD THE BELT HE RE-WON?

Auditorium TONIGHT—8:30

No Raise in Prices
90c 1.50 Children 50c

LADIES FREE when accompanied by paid admission in outside and payment of tax. Get your tickets at Auditorium or New Utica.

Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., drew with Wilbur Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., 29:50.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Tommy O'Toole, Boston, Mass., 9:30.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Red McIntyre, Columbia, Mo., 14:00.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Billy Two Rivers, Canada, 17:04.
Snyder, Van Nuys, Cal., defeated Joe Hamilton, St. Joseph, Mo., 17:04.

3-4-58

TONITE 8:30

WRESTLING

HANS SCHMIDT vs. BOB GEIGEL



ALEX KARRAS vs. KURT VON BRAWNER

—ALSO—

WOMEN WRESTLERS

AUDITORIUM

.75-.90-1.50

Bob Geigel, Allentown, Pa., defeated Hans Schmidt, Germany, 27:00.
Alex Karras, Des Moines, Ia., defeated Kurt von Brawner, Des Moines, Ia., 17:00.
Sharon Lass, Des Moines, Ia., defeated Lorraine Johnson, Des Moines, Ia., 17:00.
Three falls, 27:00.

WRESTLING

RE-MATCH BY PUBLIC DEMAND

SNYDER

vs. VERN GAGNE

ROBBY BRUNS, Referee

AUDITORIUM

WEDNESDAY—8:30

Also TAG TEAM

Plus MIDNET

WRESTLERS

90c \$1.50

CHILDREN 30c

LADIES FREE when accompanied by paid admission in outside and payment of tax. Get your tickets at Auditorium or New Utica.

Wilbur Snyder defeated Vern Gagne, 24:30.
Snyder and Nicolai Volkoff defeated Tommy O'Toole and Mike Farrar, 19:41.
Cowboy Bradley and Young McCreary defeated Tom Thumb and Tiny Rex, 14:27.

10-30-57

WRESTLING

TAG VOLKOFFS

vs. VERN GAGNE

AND RONNIE

ETCHISON

AUDITORIUM

WEDNESDAY—8:30

Also WOMEN WRESTLERS

90c \$1.50

CHILDREN 30c

LADIES FREE when accompanied by paid admission in outside and payment of tax. Get your tickets at Auditorium or New Utica.



Vern Gagne, Excelsior, Minn., and Ronnie Etchison, St. Joseph, Mo., defeated Boris Volkoff and Ivan Romanoff, Russia, two of three falls, 29:30.
Eddie Roman, Des Moines, defeated John Ballard, Chicago, two of three falls, 19:05.
Angelo Puffo, Italy, defeated Tony Bilipini, New York, two straight falls, 24:28.

12-18-57

WRESTLING

Tag TEAM

The VOLKOFFS

vs. The

LISOWSKI'S

AUDITORIUM

TONIGHT—8:30

Also WOMEN WRESTLERS

90c \$1.50

CHILDREN 30c

LADIES FREE when accompanied by paid admission in outside and payment of tax. Get your tickets at Auditorium or New Utica.



Boris and Nicolai Volkoff drew with Ed Lisowski and Bob Orton, 24:20.
Lorraine Johnson defeated Kay Noble, two of three falls, 17:10.
Billy Two Rivers defeated Gino Amato, two of three falls, 17:12.

11-13-57

1-29-58

ALL-AMERICAN

Alex Karras

WRESTLES AL MONTANA

Plus ALL-STAR

TAG TEAM BOUT

Also: WOMEN

TO-NITE | AUDITORIUM

90c 1.50

TICKET SALE

AUDITORIUM

or NEW UTICA

TO-NITE

AUDITORIUM

1-19-58 Des Moines

Alex Karras def Al Montana

Lorraine Johnson def Sharon Lass

Gagne, Orton Here Monday

Verne Gagne will make his first appearance of the season at KRNT theater here next Monday



ORTON.

night meeting. Bob Orton in the main exhibition of the weekly wrestling show. Promoter Pinkie George said that the show would take place on Monday instead of the usual Wednesday night because of the availability of Gagne on the earlier date.

Orton was declared the winner of Wednesday night's bout with the Mighty Atlas. Atlas suffered head injuries in the affair and was taken to Broadlawn hospital. After examination, Atlas refused to stay and was released.

Gagne will face the 6-foot 3-inch 235-pounder in the two-of-three falls one-hour limit feature.

Orton, 22 years of age, has never wrestled Gagne here before. Gagne, while at Minnesota U., was a member of the 1948 Olympic mat team.

Four exhibitions will be held Monday night, with Mike DiBiase of Lincoln, Neb., opening the action against Joe Dusek of Omaha at 8:30.

Six-Man Event On KRNT Card

Six pro wrestlers, divided into teams of three men each, will engage in a tag tussle as part of the mat show at KRNT Theater Wednesday.

Johnny (The Great) Balbo and brothers Elmer and Milt Olsen will go against the threesome of Karl Gray, Maurice Roberre, and Walt Kamiroff.



BALBO.

Chest Bernard, 270-pounder, tackles 261-pound Ivan Rasputin in Wednesday's main event.

Bernard, 6-foot 5-inch giant, and Rasputin, best described as wrestling's round-man, are "bear hug" specialists.

Balbo, who holds the National Wrestling alliance 190-pound belt, is captain of one of the tag teams, will meet Karl Gray, the other team captain, in the opening 1-fall scrap.

In the tag team affair all six men will be in simultaneous ring action. The program opens at 8:30 p. m.

Miss Burke On Mat Card

Two National Wrestling Alliance champions, Mildred Burke and Gypsy Joe, will appear in featured events

of a wrestling show. Promoter Pinkie George has billed at KRNT theater here next Wednesday.

Miss Burke will face the self-styled "Red Bombshell," Cora Combs of Cleveland, in a two-of-three falls one-hour limit.



CORA COMBS.

Gypsy Joe, who finished up with the alliance's light-heavyweight crown after a bout with Johnny Balbo here Nov. 5, will face the Chief Kit Fox.

The Gypsy and the Indian meet in a non-title overweight bout scheduled two-of-three falls with a one-hour limit.

Drapp, Lisowski On Mat Program

Andre Drapp, the popular Frenchman, will meet Reggie Lisowski of Milwaukee in one of the bouts preliminary to the Hans Schmidt-Yukon Eric main event at Pioneer Memorial Stadium Wednesday night.

Bob (Mr. America) McCune of Des Moines will face Jim Wright of New York in a two-of-three-fall semiwindup.

Mike Clancy, Boston Irishman, will make his Des Moines debut against Ivan Kalmikoff of New York in the opener.

Promoter Pinkie George said arrangements have been made to seat 10,000.



LISOWSKI.

Match McDaniel With Kalmikoff

Bill McDaniel of St. Louis will meet Ivan Kalmikoff of New York in the opening match of the season's first outdoor pro wrestling card at Pioneer Memorial Stadium Wednesday night.

Yukon Eric, 275-pound television star from Alaska, is matched against Mighty Atlas in the main event.

Bob (Mr. America) McCune, who made his television debut May 30, will face the new Japanese "sleeper" expert, the Great Yamato. Andre Drapp, young Frenchman known also as "Mr. Universe", will meet Argentina's Eduardo Perez in the special event.

Ringside, box and reserved grandstand tickets are on sale at the New Utica and at the ball



DRAPP.

Thesz Next On KRNT Bill

Lou Thesz will put his National Wrestling Alliance title on the line against huge Chest Bernard

in the main performance of Promoter Pinkie George's wrestling show at KRNT theater here Wednesday night.

The bout will be two-of-three falls hour limit exhibition.

Bernard, 6-foot 5-inch giant weighing 265 pounds, held

Thesz to a draw here a little over a year ago. Thesz will be making his first appearance of the season in Des Moines.

Bob (Mr. America) McCune will return this week against George Scott, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, matman. Scott is a newcomer here.



BERNARD.

Pair Yukon Eric And Mighty Atlas

Yukon Eric's opponent in the main event of Pinkie George's first outdoor professional wrestling show of the season at Pioneer Memorial Stadium Wednesday, June 17, will be Mighty Atlas.

George said Saturday the two have been matched for a two-of-three falls feature.

Yukon Eric, who weighs 275 and wrestles in blue jeans, is of Swedish and Eskimo ancestry and has become a national TV figure through unusual feats of strength.

Mighty Atlas has fully recovered from an injury that hospitalized him here during the indoor season.



YUKON ERIC.

Six-Man Tag Bout at KRNT

A six-man tag bout is the main event of next Wednesday's wrestling show at KRNT theater here.

One of the teams will be Chest Bernard, 265-pound heavyweight, Gypsy Joe, light-heavyweight champion of the National Wrestling alliance, and Gene Dubuque, a regular partner of the Chest in tag affairs.

The other team will be Bob (Mr. America) McCune, new heavyweight stand-out, Chief Kit Fox and Gentleman Jim Dobie, Des Moines heavyweight.

Promoter Pinkie George said Bobby Lane will meet Angelo Martinelli in the opening exhibition, with the semi-windup to be arranged.



GIPSY JOE.

Melby, O'Connor In Mat Event

Bill Melby and Pat O'Connor will meet in a feature event of the wrestling-boxing show scheduled at KRNT theater here Oct. 28.

No wrestling is slated at the theater tonight.

The Oct. 28 show will have a triple wind-up with two wrestling main events and a 10-round boxing bout featuring Tommy Harrison, who currently is rated among the top 10 heavyweight contenders.

Melby and O'Connor will meet in a two-of-three falls hour-limit event.

Harrison, of Los Angeles, will box Neil Walsh, Detroit, in the scheduled 10-round fight.

In addition to another two-of-three falls wrestling match, an opener of 30-minute limit will be added to the show. There will be no price increase.



MELBY.

Sharpes in 'Tag' Bout Wednesday

Bob Orton and Bob McCune have been matched in the semi-windup of Wednesday night's professional wrestling show at KRNT Theater.

Mike and Ben Sharpe are matched with Bill Melby and Billy Darnell in the main event of the four-bout card.

The Sharpes, "tag" team champions recognized by the National Wrestling Alliance, will be giving Melby and Darnell their second crack at regaining the title here this season.

Alo Leilani will meet young Fritz Von Eric in the special event, while Rocky Columbo and Whitey Walberg, making his debut here, open the show at 8:30 o'clock.



BEN SHARPE.



WRESTLING TONIGHT

**KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.**

**ALSO
MIDGET
TAG TEAM
MATCH**

SEE KNOWN TV STARS
**GREAT TOGO
vs. ROBERRE**

**65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162**

WRESTLING TONIGHT

**KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.**

XMAS SPECIAL—TRIPLE MAIN EVENT
Light Heavyweight Championship
BALBO—BILLY GOELZ
Vern GAGNE—Gypsy JOE
JIM DOBIE—DENNIS CLARY



**65c 95c
\$1.30
Ph. 4-7162**

WRESTLING WED. NITE

**KRNT
THEATER
8:30 P. M.**

—4 MEN TAG TEAM MATCH—



ALL TV STARS
VERN GAGNE and JIM DOBIE
TEAMED AGAINST
CHEST-KEOMUKA



WRESTLING --- TONIGHT

MOOSE AUDITORIUM

BUD FULLER vs. MIKE BLAZER
Univ. Wisconsin Champ—Wisconsin State Champ
2 Out of 3 Falls—1 Hour Time Limit

JOE KALINA vs. TOM GEORGE
CICERO, ILL. DAYTON, OHIO
2 Out of 3 Falls—1 Hour Time Limit

WOMEN'S MATCH—Connie O'Connor vs. Marie Alvarez
General Adm. **65c** Reserved **95c**

Ringside **\$1.20** Phone **3-9508**
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



TOM GEORGE

Tickets Fidler's Lounge & Moose Auditorium

Wrestling--TONITE

**OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

MOOSE AUDITORIUM 8:30 P. M.

REAL MAT CHAMP OF THE WORLD
ROY DUNN meets JOHN DOBBS
2 Out of 3 Falls—1 Hour Limit

JACK BERNARD vs. JOE VINCA
2 Out of 3 Falls—1 Hour Limit

WOMEN'S MATCH
HILLYBILLY SUE vs. MARLEN MARGO
2 Out of 3 Falls—1 Hour Time Limit

General Adm. **65c** Reserved **95c**
Ringside **\$1.20** Phone **3-9508**



ROY DUNN

Tickets Fidler's Lounge & Moose Auditorium

TONITE AT 8:30 WRESTLING MOOSE HALL

ADMISSION

General **65c**
Reserved **95c**
Ring Side **1.20**

Phone **3-9508**

3 BOUTS

All 2 out of 3 Falls—
80 Minute Limit



Jack Bernard

Tom George vs. Jack Bernard
Joe Vinca vs. Dr. Van Dyke
Jerry Woods vs. Kane O'Connor

**TICKETS—FIDLER'S LOUNGE
AND MOOSE HALL**

Friday Nite at 8:30 WRESTLING MOOSE HALL

ADMISSION

General **95c**
Ring Side **1.20**
Phone **3-9508**

Outstanding Wrestler
Has Defeated some of
the best—the Original

ANGEL

vs.
KEN O'CONNOR

From Ireland

George Gallagher vs. Jerry Woods

WOMEN'S MATCH

Juanita Hoffman vs. Ruth Rogers

**TICKETS—FIDLER'S LOUNGE
AND MOOSE HALL**



THE ANGEL

WRESTLING MOOSE HALL Fri., 8:30 P. M.

ADMISSION

General **65c**
Ring Side **95c**
Phone **3-9508**

WOMEN'S MATCH

JUANITA COFFMAN vs. JOSEPHINE PUSTA

Plus MAY MOUNTAIN DEAN, JR. vs. GEORGE GALLAGHER

Plus JERRY WOODS vs. TOM GEORGE

TICKETS—FIDLER'S LOUNGE



FRIDAY—8:30—MOOSE HALL WRESTLING

ADMISSION

General **65c**
Reserved **95c**
Ring Side **1.20**

Phone **3-9508**

**THE REAL
WORLD'S**

HEAVYWEIGHT

CHAMPION

HOLDER OF THE RECOGNIZED CHAMPIONSHIP BELT. 3 TIME

WINNER OVER LOUIS TEELE

ROY DUNN vs. JACK BERNARD

3 out of 3 falls one hour time limit.

JUANITA COFFMAN women's title holder

vs. **MRS. GLOMA**, Seattle, 3 out of 3 falls, one hour time limit.

John Carline vs. George Gallagher

Tickets on sale Fidler's Theater Lounge and Moose



Wrestling---Tonight

MOOSE AUDITORIUM

AUSTRALIAN TAG TEAM

2 out of 3 falls, 80 minute time limit

THE WINNERS MEET THE LOSERS

JACK BERNARD

JERRY WOODS

vs.
JIM CANEY

vs.
Angelo Thomas

1 Fall 30 Min. Time Limit

1 Fall 30 Min. Time Limit

Women's Match Violet Ray vs. Hillybilly Sue

General Adm. **65c** Reserved **95c**

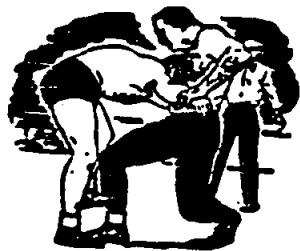
Ringside **\$1.20** Phone **3-9508**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tickets Fidler's Lounge & Moose Auditorium



JACK BERNARD



VOL. 7 NO. 2

Wrestling Facts

JAMES C. MELBY - EDITOR, 1018 E. ROSE AVE., ST. PAUL, MN. 55106

THIS ISSUE FEATURES THE RING RECORD OF DICK STEINBORN



WRESTLING FACTS - THE ORIGINAL MAT RESEARCH JOURNAL

VOL. 1 NO. 1 FRANK TOWNSEND PART I \$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 2 FRANK TOWNSEND PART II \$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 3 HARD BOILED HAGGERTY I \$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 4 HARD BOILED HAGGERTY II \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 1 BILLY GOELZ \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 2 TINY MILLS I \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 3 TINY MILLS II \$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 4 DON EAGLE \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 1 THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 2 DR.X(DICK BEYER) \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 3 BRONKO NAGURSKI \$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 4 VERNE GAGNE \$25.00
VOL. 3 NO. 5 BUTCH LEVY \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 1 YUKON ERIC \$25.00
VOL. 4 NO. 2 JOE PAZANDAK \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 3 BOB RASMUSSEN \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 4 DICK HUTTON \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 5 RIKIDOZAN \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 6 CLIFF GUSTAFSON \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 7 IVAN & KAROL KALMIKOFF \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 8 HIRO MATSUDA \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 9 SHOZO KOBAYASHI \$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 10 ROCHESTER, MN. RESULTS 1949-63 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 1 LEO NOMELLINI \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 2 1950'S SCRAPBOOK \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 3 BILL MELBY \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 4 RAY GUNKEL \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 5 SCRAPBOOK VOL. 2 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 6 JAPAN RESULTS 1960-64 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 7 SCRAPBOOK VOL. 3 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 8 SCRAPBOOK VOL. 4 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 9 1950'S CEDAR RAPIDS & PICTURE GALLERY SCRAPBOOK \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 10 JAPAN RESULTS 1965-67 \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 11 1950'S DES MOINES SCRAPBOOK \$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 12 LOU THESZ \$25.00
VOL. 6 NO. 1 DON LEO JONATHAN \$25.00
VOL. 6 NO. 2 ED CARPENTIER \$25.00
VOL. 7 NO. 1 MANKATO RESULTS 1930'S-60'S \$10.00

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE CIRCLE ISSUES DESIRED ON THE ABOVE LIST.
POSTAGE AND HANDLING IS \$4.00 FOR EACH ISSUE. OVERSEAS ORDERS WILL BE
SHIPPED BY SEA MAIL UNLESS THE CUSTOMER PAYS FOR AIR MAIL COSTS.
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO JAMES C. MELBY, 1018 EAST
ROSE AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MN. 55106.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

James C. Melby

Welcome to another issue of *Wrestling Facts*. I hope that you like our new and improved look. Thanks go to my good friend **Scott Teal**, who not only typed up all of the research found within these pages, but also found the time to put his desktop publishing skills to use. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank some people who added to the Steinborn research started by Scott and myself. Kudos to **Fred Hornby**, **Chuck Thornton**, **Lazarus Dobelsky**, and **Don Luce** for their hard work on this issue and other editions of *Wrestling Facts*.

A few words about **Dick Steinborn**. In the mind of this wrestling historian, Dick was one of the most underrated pros of all time. A good, solid grappler, Dick won more than he lost, wrestled in many major territories, and received a number of straps for his efforts. An extremely popular matman, Steinborn pleased crowds throughout the U.S., Australia and Japan, by using great speed and skill to topple men quite often bigger than him. Steinborn was especially popular with female fans, who would chant, "Go, *Dickie*, Go!" Still in tremendous shape, Dick remains a man's man, who can still turn the head of a beautiful woman by simply walking into a room.

Steinborn, of course, followed in the footsteps of his father **Milo Steinborn**, not only as a wrestler, but also as a top-notch promoter. Dick had the advantage of growing up in the business, but gained everything on his own merits. In fact, he most likely would have been given a bigger push in Florida if his dad hadn't been the promoter in Orlando.

Dick was a superb singles and tag team wrestler. Early in his career, he teamed with **George Becker**, filling the gap left when **Bobby Becker** passed away. Later, he was united with **Johnny Weaver**, and *Wrestling Life Magazine* dubbed them "The Hoosier Hot Shots." With **Doug Gilbert**, he captured the coveted A.W.A. World's Tag Team Title. They were soon nicknamed "*Mr. High and Mr. Low*" for their respective approaches to the game, but don't forget that Dick could dropkick with the best of them, too! Steinborn was extremely popular in Georgia, and for a time, took the name of **Dickie Gunkel**, while tag team with his good friend, **Ray Gunkel**. Dick has no problem staying with World champion, such as **Lou Thesz** and **Buddy Rogers**, no matter what their style was. Check the record ... Dick beat some of the biggest names in the game, such as **Hans Schmidt**, **Skull Murphy**, and the **Neilson Brothers**. He also teamed with **Eddie Graham** and **Pepper Gomez** often.

A few projects in the works for upcoming issues include ring records of **Pat O'Connor**, **Larry Hennig**, and **Hans Schmidt**. Also planned are more scrapbook editions and my research from Duluth, Minnesota.

THE PENCIL

Scott Teal

I was just a teenager when I first heard the name of **Dick Steinborn**. It was on the old *Championship Wrestling from Florida* television program during the late '60s. Our paths never crossed, until one night in March 1976, while he was working promoter **Nick Gulas** in Huntsville, Alabama. He stayed in the territory for less than a month, but we became good friends during that time. Four years later, he returned to work as the booker for **Buddy Fuller**, who had bought the Tennessee/Alabama territory from Nick. We renewed our friendship and began to collaborate on the arena programs that I published for the territory. Since then, we have been in touch on a

regular basis, and meet in Mobile, Alabama each year at the *Gulf Coast Wrestler's Reunion*.

Last fall, I began thinking about a project that would reflect the respect that I have for Dick. I have always enjoyed the *Wrestling Facts* series produced by **Jim Melby**, so I began what would turn out to be a five-month project ... an issue of *Wrestling Facts* devoted to the pro wrestling career of Dick Steinborn. The work is not mine alone. Much of the material within comes from the files and archives of **Jim Melby, Fred Hornby, Chuck Thornton, Lazarus Dobelsky, and Don Luce** ... who I consider to be five of the seven or eight greatest wrestling historians in the world.

Wrestling has been Dick Steinborn's life since his birth in St. Louis on Sept. 28, 1933. As the son of the great Milo Steinborn, Dick began his training when he was only five years old. While other children were in school, Dick was traveling around the world with his father. In fact, Dick labels himself a "wrestling brat".

Henry "Milo" Steinborn, a German immigrant, was referred to as the "*World's Strongest Man*". He was a partner in the *Manhattan Booking Agency* with **Al Meayer** and **Rudy Miller**, promoting wrestling in New York during the late '40s. Milo and Miller later broke away from Meayer, and hooked up with **Toots Mondt**. The three began running the first Madison Square Garden shows which featured Antonino Rocca, Gene Stanlee, and Buddy Rogers. After selling their interest in the promotion to Buffalo promoter **Pedro Martinez**, Milo moved his family to Richmond, Virginia, where he became partners with promoter **Bill Lewis**. In 1953, Milo settled in Florida and bought the Orlando promotion from Cowboy Luttrall for \$1,000. He died in Orlando on February 9, 1989 at the age of 95.

Dick made his pro debut on July 23, 1951, wrestling Les Ruffen in Baltimore. When Milo moved the family to Richmond, Dick won his first title, the Southern Tag Team championship. The match took place in North Carolina when he was only nineteen and he had **George Becker** as his partner. After two years in Richmond, Dick went to Florida, and then on to Charlotte, where he teamed with **Don Kalt** (Don Fargo). Over the next thirty years, Dick made a name for himself all over the world. Highlights include winning the A.W.A. World Tag Team belts from **Art** and **Stan Neilson** on December 16, 1962 in St. Paul, Minnesota with **Doug Gilbert** as his partner. Unfortunately, they dropped the belts to **Ivan** and **Karol Kalmikoff** just two weeks later in Minneapolis. He also spent several years in Georgia wrestling as **Dick Gunkel**, the "brother" of **Ray Gunkel**.

When his dad began promoting weekly shows in Orlando, Dick helped with the leg work and published *Milo's Mat*, one of the finest wrestling programs ever produced ... many of which make up what I consider the "treasures" of my wrestling collection.

In 1978, Dick wrestled in Puerto Rico, while making his home in Montgomery, Alabama. During this time, he opened Alabama Professional Wrestling, Inc., a school and promotion for aspiring (and perspiring) young wrestlers, and promoted shows in the Selma and Montgomery area. In the last match of his career, he wrestled **The Hawk** in 1984 in Costa Rica. His career ended in 1983 when a car hit his vehicle broadside and his spine was twisted.

Today, Dick is still muscular and trim, and shows no ill effects from the accident. Although he is no longer involved with wrestling, he is a physical fitness consultant in Richmond, where he owns and operates the *Fan Gymnasium*. The gym occupies the double living room of his home on a fringe of the Fan.

One of his passions is amateur photography, a hobby he has pursued for many years. He has a huge collection of negatives and does his own lab work in his home darkroom studio. Dick raises chow chow dogs and has four of them romping around outside.

This issue of *Wrestling Facts* is dedicated to my friend ... **Dick Steinborn**.

1951 -----

July 23	Baltimore, MD	Les Ruffen	
---------	---------------	------------------	--

Note: *Dick Steinborn makes his professional debut in Baltimore, Maryland on July 23, 1951.*

July 31	Baltimore, MD	Johnny Heideman	won
August 8	Washington, DC	Les Ruffin	lost
August 10	Jamaica, NY	Les Ruffin	
August 13	North Bergen, NJ	Tony Casenza	draw
August 14	Baltimore, MD	Mike Clancy	draw
August 25	Baltimore, MD	Harry Finkelstein	won
August 27	Baltimore, MD	Bill Dixon	won
August 29	Washington, DC	Mike Ryan	

Note: *Dick goes to Germany with his father (Milo Steinborn), as part of the Primo Carnera contingent that toured Europe.*

September 17	Frankfort, Germany	Willy Bunge	lost
September 20	Berlin, Germany	Jean Prevost	won

1952 -----

January 1	Baltimore, MD	Jim Austeri	draw
January 2	Washington, DC	Ray Zavalza	
January 8	Baltimore, MD	Jerry Wood	won
January 9	Washington, DC	Jim Austeri	won
January 11	Jamaica, NY	Jim Austeri	
January 14	New York, NY (MSG)	Mike Clancy	won
January 15	Baltimore, MD	Ray Zavalza	won
January 16	Washington, DC	Les Ruffin	won
January 18	Jamaica, NY	Dave Weinstein	won
January 23	Washington, DC	Charro Azteca	
January 25	Jamaica, NY	Charro Aztec	won
January 29	Baltimore, MD	Charro Aztec	won
January 30	Washington, DC	Jim Austeri	won
February 1	Jamaica, NY	Tony Martinelli	draw
February 7	Brooklyn, NY	Les Ruffin	
February 8	Jamaica, NY	Charro Aztec	won
February 11	Hagerstown, MD	Ace Freeman	won
February 14	Brooklyn, NY	Jim Austeri	
February 15	Jamaica, NY	Kit Fox	won
February 19	Baltimore	Jim Austeri	won
February 21	Jamaica, NY	Ace Freeman	draw
February 27	Washington, DC	Jim Austeri	
March 4	Baltimore, MD	w/Sandor Kovacs vs Man Mountain Dean Jr. and Ike Eakins	won
March 11	Baltimore, MD	Ace Freeman	draw
April 11	Richmond, VA	Jim Bendix	won
April 16	Chicago, IL	w/Larry Moquin vs Joe Christie and Whitey Wahlberg	lost
April 30	Chicago, IL	Jan Gotch	won
May 7	Chicago, IL	w/Johnny Barend vs Kola Kwariani and Joe Christie	won
May 14	Chicago, IL	w/Johnny Barend vs Aldo Bogni and Kola Kwariani	wor

1952 -----

May 21	Chicago, IL	Jan Gotch	won
May 28	Chicago, IL	Johnny Barend	lost
May 30	Chicago, IL	Gene Stanlee	draw
June 4	Chicago, IL	Mel Dave (aka Jack Allen)	won
August 27	Norfolk, VA	Sailor Moran	won
October 3	Richmond, VA	Jack Wentworth	won
November 14	Richmond, VA	George Harben	won
November 21	Richmond, VA	Omar Khayam	draw
November 28	Richmond, VA	Eddie Pope	won
December 4	Norfolk, VA	Jack Carter	won
December 5**	Richmond, VA	Jack Carter	won
December 5**	Knoxville, TN	Zebra Kid	lost

Note: *It wasn't unusual for the wrestlers to work twice in one day. However, there are times when the results are questionable, such as when two cities are far enough apart to make it unlikely that they worked in both places. Those occasions that could not be verified are marked with double asteriks (**), with the first result listed as being the most probable of the two.*

December 15	New York, NY	Jim Austeri	won
December 20	Jamaica, NY	Frank Hewitt	lost
December 23	Baltimore, MD	Roland Meeker	draw

1953 -----

January 9	Richmond, VA	Tony Cosenza	draw
January 16	Richmond, VA	Bobby Weaver (aka Arnold Skoaland)	lost
February 13	Richmond, VA	Jack Witzig	won
February 14	Norfolk, VA	Jack Witzig	won
March 13	Richmond, VA	Ace Freeman	draw
April 2	Jacksonville, FL	Prince Omar	won
April 17	Richmond, VA	Jim Austeri	draw
April 24	Richmond, VA	Dick Cronin	won
May 23	Jamaica, NY	Ace Freeman	draw
June 4	Norfolk, VA	Frank Thomas	won
June 5	Richmond, VA	Frank Thomas	won

Note: *It's likely that Frank Thomas was Frank "Scotty" Thompson.*

September 4	Miami, FL	Red McIntyre	draw
November 30	Tampa, FL	Billy Raborn	draw
December 7	Tampa, FL	Billy Raborn	won
<i>Return Match</i>			

1954 -----

January 11	Tampa, FL	Don Kalt (Don Fargo)	draw
January 25	Tampa, FL	Jesse James	draw
March 1	Tampa, FL	Johnny Rougeau	won
March 8	Tampa, FL	Jack Wentworth	won
March 15	Tampa, FL	Don Kalt	draw
April 19	Tampa, FL	w/Don Kalt vs Eddie Gossett (Graham) and Frank Taylor	
May 3	Charlotte, NC	Charro Azteca	won
May 10	Charlotte, NC	Jim Austeri	draw

1954 -----

May 17	Charlotte, NC	Jack Curtis	lost
June 5	Lenoir, NC	Jim Austeri	
June 19	Lenoir, NC	Jim Austeri	
June 29	Tampa, FL	Bennie Matta	won
July 6	Tampa, FL	Joe Millich	won-dq
July 13	Tampa, FL	Don Kalt	draw
July 27	Tampa, FL	Philip Kekaulike Sylva	lost
August 10	Tampa, FL	Harry Smith	lost
August 17	Tampa, FL	(referee)	
August 24	Tampa, FL	Prince Omar	won-dq
December 20	Tampa, FL	Pedro Godoy	won
December 27	Tampa, FL	Jack Rush	won
December 29	Bradenton, FL	Andre Drapp	draw

1955 -----

January 1	Daytona Beach, FL	w/Milo Steinborn vs Pedro Godoy and Jack Rush	won
-----------	-------------------	--	-----

Note: Jack "Cueball" Rush dropped dead after this match.

January 3	Tampa, FL	Jack Vansky	won
January 10	Bradenton, FL	Angelo Savoldi	won
January 17	Bradenton, FL	Ace Freeman	draw
January 24	Bradenton, FL	Eddie Gossett	lost
February 15	Baltimore, MD	Frank Jares	draw
February 16	Washington, DC	Gus Johnson	won
February 18	Harrisburg, PA	w/Gino Garibaldi vs Buddy Lee and John Heideman	won
February 23	Washington, DC	Danno O'Shocker	won
March 2	Washington, DC	Herb Larson	won
March 12	Hickory, NC	Al Smith	won
March 21	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Jim Austeri and Buddy Lee	won
March 28	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Jim Austeri and Antone Leone	lost
April 2	Lexington, NC	Jack O'Reilly	
April 4	Gastonia, NC	w/George Becker vs Jim Austeri and Antone Leone	won
April 10	Hickory, NC	Jack O'Brien	
April 11	Gastonia, NC	w/George Becker vs Jim Austeri and Frank Jares	draw
April 16	Lexington, NC	Jim Austeri	lost
April 26	Columbia, SC	Herb Larson	won
April 28	Norfolk, VA	Dave Jons	draw
May 3	Baltimore, MD	Tom Bradley	won
May 4	Washington, DC	Angelo Martinelli	lost
May 9	Charlotte, NC	Jack Bence	won
May 12	Charleston, SC	Herb Schiff	draw
May 16	Charlotte, NC	Charlie Keene	won
May 17	Columbia, SC	Jack O'Reilly	won
May 23	Greenville, SC	John Tolos	won
May 24	Columbia, SC	Frenchy Roy	won

1955 -----

May 28	Hickory, NC	w/Jack Witzig vs Al and John Smith	
May 30	Charlotte, NC	Tinker Todd	won
June 4	Hickory, NC	w/Jack Witzig vs Al and John Smith	
June 9	Charleston, SC	Herb Schiff	nc
June 11	Hickory, NC	Frenchy Roy	
June 13	Charlotte, NC	Buck Weaver	won
June 20	Charlotte, NC	w/Jack Witzig vs Hans Schnable and Lou Newman	won-dq
June 27	Charlotte, NC	w/Jack Witzig vs Ernie and Emil Dusek	lost
July 2	Hickory, NC	Chick Garibaldi	draw
July 5	Columbia, SC	Herb Schiff	nc
July 17	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Ernie and Emil Dusek	lost
		<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>	
July 18	Hickory, NC	Jim Coffield	draw
July 23	Hickory, NC	Walter Kameronoff	won
July 25	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Ernie and Emil Dusek	draw
		<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>	
July 30	Hickory, NC	Buck Weaver	won
August 4	Charleston, SC	w/Jack Witzig vs John and Al Smith	lost
August 6	Hickory, NC	Charro Azteca	
August 8	Gastonia, NC	w/George Becker vs John and Al Smith	lost
August 11	Charleston, SC	w/Jack Witzig vs John and Al Smith	won
August 20	Hickory, NC	w/Pete Managoff vs Mr. X and Charro Azteca	
August 27	Hickory, NC	w/Pete Managoff vs Mr. X and Charro Azteca	
August 29	Charlotte, NC	King Kong Kox	won
September 5	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Hombre Montana and Babe Zaharias	won
September 20	Nashville, TN	Charlie Keene	won
September 27	Nashville, TN	Al Galento	lost
October 5	Mobile, AL	Rube Wright	won
October 12	Mobile, AL	Mario Galento	lost
October 19	Mobile, AL	w/Buddy Fuller vs Rex Mobley and Rube Wright	won
October 26	Mobile, AL	Mario Galento	lost
		<i>Return Match</i>	
November 8	Nashville, TN	Lee Fields	lost
		<i>Grudge Match - No Time Limit</i>	
November 16	Mobile, AL	Brother Frank Jares	lost
November 21	Orlando, FL	Jim Coffield	lost
November 28	Orlando, FL	w/Jim LaRock vs Jim Coffield and Jack Wentworth	won
November 29	Melbourne, FL	Billy Rayborn	draw
November 30	Daytona Beach, FL	Jack Dennett	draw
December 1	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Herb Larson	draw

1955 -----

December 6	Melbourne, FL	w/Billy Rayborn vs Herb Larson and Jack Wentworth	won
December 8	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Buddy Hack	won
December 12	Tampa, FL	Chris Zaharias	won-dq
December 19	Tampa, FL	Jack Wentworth	won
December 24	Ft. Pierce, FL	Jack Bence	won
December 26	Tampa, FL	Jack Vanskey	won-dq
December 28	Melbourne FL	Jack Bence	won

1956 -----

January 1	Daytona Beach, FL	Tom Bradley	won
January 5	Jacksonville, FL	Nelson Royal	draw
January 7	Ft. Pierce, FL	Billy Rayborn	draw
January 10	Lake Worth, FL	Nelson Royal	won
January 11	Daytona Beach, FL	Billy Rayborn	draw
January 12	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Don Arnold	draw
January 16	Tampa, FL	Nelson Royal	won
January 21	Lakeland, FL	Nelson Royal	won
January 23	Sarasota, FL	Dave Jons	nc
January 26	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Ed (Eduardo) Perez	won
January 26	New York, NY (MSG)	Hans Schmidt	lost
January 30	Orlando, FL	Ed Perez	won
February 1	Melbourne, FL	Frank Taylor	won
February 3	Miami Beach	Doran O'Hara	draw
February 6	Orlando, FL	Carl Engstrom	won
February 15	Ocala, FL	Billy Two Rivers	draw
February 15	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Chris Zaharias	won
February 20	Orlando, FL	Verne Gagne	draw
February 21	Lake Worth, FL	Dave Jons	won
February 25	Daytona Beach, FL	Jack Vansky	draw
February 27	Orlando, FL	w/Verne Gagne vs Gino and Leo Garibaldi	won
March 2	Miami Beach, FL	Ed Perez	won
March 5	Orlando, FL	Harry Smith	draw
March 13	Melbourne, FL	w/Billy Raborn vs Bob Langevin and Charro Azteca	won
March 19	Orlando, FL	Gypsy Joe	won
March 21	Ft. Pierce, FL	Leo Garibaldi	draw
March 26	Tampa, FL	Billy Raborn	draw
April 2	Orlando, FL	w/Carmen Garcia vs Chuck Benson and Bonnie Watson	won
April 3	Lake Worth, FL	Buddy Rogers	won
April 4	Ft. Pierce, FL	Charro Azteca	won
April 9	Tampa, FL	Whitey Whittler	lost
April 14	Lake Worth, FL	Gino Garibaldi	draw
April 16	Orlando, FL	w/Harry Smith vs Ali Baba and Jack Bence	won
May 22	Baltimore, MD	Antone Leone	won
May 26	Key West, FL	Lou Thesz	lost
May 29	Baltimore, MD	Fred Blassie	lost
June 5	Columbia, SC		
June 16	Hickory, NC	Johnny Heidman	

1956 -----

June 21	Washington, DC	w/Wally Lamb (Oni Wiki Wiki) vs Karl von Hess and Tom Bradley	lost
---------	----------------	--	------

Note: *The June 21st show in Washington, DC was the first show aired on the Dumont network.*

June 23	Hickory, NC	Johnny Heidman	
June 25	Columbia, SC	Karl von Hess	won
June 30	Hickory, NC	w/Billy Red Lyons vs Tom Bradley and Johnny Heidman	
July 3	Columbia, SC	w/Angelo Martinelli vs Karl von Hess and Lou Plummer	lost
July 25	Asheville, NC	w/Chick Garibaldi vs Tiny Mills and Jim Austeri	lost
July 26	Washington, DC	Big Boy (Harry) Smith	draw
July 30	Charlotte, NC	w/Wally Lamb vs Buddy Lee and Jack Vansky	lost
July 31	Columbia, SC	w/Angelo Martinelli vs Tiny Mills and Jim Austeri	lost
August 2	Washington, DC	Harry Smith	won
August 6	Washington, DC	Red Lyons	
August 9	Washington, DC	Nelson Royal	won
August 15	Manassas, VA	????	
August 16	Washington, DC	Buddy Rogers	lost
August 20	Charlotte, NC	w/Don Arnold vs Jack Vansky and Hombre Montana	won
August 23	Washington, DC	Buddy Rogers	lost
August 27	Charlotte, NC	Bill Steddum	won
September 8	Hickory, NC	Gino Vagnone	
September 11	Baltimore, MD	Wally Lamb	won
		Buddy Rogers	lost
		<i>Tournament for Eastern Title</i>	

Note: *Buddy Rogers beat Dick Steinborn and Jack Allen in a tournament in Washington, DC on September 11, 1956 to win the Eastern States Heavyweight Title.*

September 17	Charlotte, NC	Buddy Rogers	lost
September 22	Hickory, NC	w/Angelo Martinelli vs Herb Larson and Gino Vagnone	
September 27	Washington, DC	Skull Murphy	lost
October 2	Baltimore, MD	Karl von Hess	lost
October 4	Washington, DC	Harry Lewis (Finkelstein)	won
October 5	Newark, NJ	Larry Simon (The Great Malenko)	
October 6	Philadelphia, PA	Gino Garibaldi	draw
October 8	Bronx, NY	Harry Lewis	won
October 9	St. Nicks (NYC)	Gene Dubuque	won
October 10	Fredericksburg, VA	Don Arnold	lost
October 11	Long Island City, NY	Arnold Skaaland	won

Note: *Sunnyside Gardens was the venue where wrestling was held in Long Island City, New York.*

October 12	Newark, NJ	Jose (Miguel) Perez	draw
October 13	Philadelphia, PA	Karl von Hess	won-dq
October 15	Kingston, NY	Skull Murphy	lost
October 16	New York City, NY	Larry Simon	won

1956 -----

October 18	Long Island City, NY	Gene Dubuque	won
October 20	White Plains, NY	Harry Lewis	
October 22	Bronx, NY	Wally Lamb	won
October 23	Baltimore, NY	Tom Bradley	won
October 25	Long Island City, NY	Gene Dubuque	won
October 25	Washington, DC	Tom Bradley	won
October 26	Philadelphia, PA	Don Arnold	draw
October 27	Newark, NJ	w/Wally Lamb vs Skull Murphy and Wildman (Jackie) Fargo	
October 29	Kingston, NY	Wildman Fargo	draw
October 30	Baltimore, MD	Bobby Ford	won
November 1	Washington, DC	Skull Murphy	lost
November 6	New York City	Don Arnold	draw
November 8	Washington, DC	Ricki Starr	lost
November 9	Paterson, NJ	Karl von Hess	
November 12	Bridgeport, CT	Karl von Hess	
November 13	Baltimore, MD	Jackie Fargo	draw
November 14	Fredericksburg, VA	Skull Murphy	
November 15	Washington, DC	Skull Murphy	draw
November 19	Charlotte, NC	w/Danno O'Shocker vs Ali Bey and Jim Austeri	lost
November 20	Baltimore, MD	Jerry Gordet	won
November 26	New York, NY (MSG)	Hans Schmidt	lost
November 27	Baltimore, MD	Ricki Starr	lost
November 29	Washington, DC	Skull Murphy	lost
December 3	Charlotte, NC	Ali Bey	
December 4	Columbia, SC	Mike Paidousis	won
December 5	Asheville, NC	Jerry Gordet	won
December 8	Harrisburg, VA	Karl von Hess	
December 10	Charlotte, NC	w/Ricki Starr vs Ali Bey and Jim Austeri*	
December 11	Roanoke, VA	<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i> The Great Malenko	won
December 11	Newark, NJ	Wally Lamb	won
December 17	Charlotte, NC	w/Ricki Starr vs Ali Bey and Jim Austeri*	
December 18	Columbia, SC	<i>Return Southern Tag Team Title Match</i> w/Pete Managoff vs Ali Bey and Jim Austeri	lost
December 20	Orlando, FL	Jack Bence	won
December 27	Orlando, FL	Ben Trudell	won
December 31	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Skull Murphy and Karl von Hess	won

1957 -----

January 4	Greenville, SC	Herb Larson	won
January 7	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Skull Murphy and Karl von Hess	won
January 9	Roanoke, VA	Karl von Hess	lost
January 11	Richmond, VA	Tom Bradley	won
January 14**	Greenville, SC	Ted Christy	draw
January 14**	Tampa, FL	John Smith	won
January 19	Lexington, NC	Joe Garcia	won

1957 -----

February 1	Richmond, VA	w/George Becker vs Ali Bey and Jim Austeri	lost
February 4	Greenville, SC	Johnny Heideman	won
February 7	Washington, DC	Jackie Nichols	draw
February 9	Lexington, NC	Ray Stevens	draw
February 11	Greenville, SC	Ted Christy	won
February 16	Greensboro, NC	w/George Becker vs Ted Christy and Buddy Lee	won
February 22	Newark, NJ	Jackie Nichols	draw
February 23	Hickory, NC	w/George Becker vs Ali Bey and Jim Austeri*	
		<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>	
February 25	New York City, NY	Ted Lewin	won
March 2	Lenoir, NC	w/George Becker vs Ali Bey and Jim Austeri*	
		<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>	
March 9	Lenoir, NC	w/George Becker vs Al and Tiny Mills	
March 22	Richmond, VA	w/George Becker vs Ray Stevens and Buddy Lee	won
March 25	Greenville, SC	Leo Wallick	won
March 29	Johnson City, TN	w/George Becker vs Ali Bey and Jim Austeri	
March 30	Lexington, NC	w/George Becker vs Ray Stevens and Leo Wallick	won
April 5	Norfolk, VA	w/George Becker vs Ray Stevens and Ali Bey	won-dq
April 6	Lexington, NC	Karol Fozoff	draw
April 8	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Karol Fazoff and Ivan Bornov	lost
April 15	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Karol Fazoff and Ivan Bornov (Tony Borne)	won
		<i>Two Referees</i>	
April 20**	Lexington, NC	w/George Becker vs Ernie and Emil Dusek	won
April 20**	Lexington, NC	w/George Becker vs Ray Stevens and Jack Vansky	lost
April 22	Charlotte, NC	Emil Dusek	lost
April 27	Lexington, NC	w/George Becker vs Ernie and Emil Dusek	nc
April 29	Charlotte, NC	Marco Polo	won
May 6	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Ray Stevens and Jack Vansky	lost
		<i>Tag Team Tournament</i>	
May 10	Richmond, VA	w/George Becker vs Ernie and Emil Dusek	lost
May 13	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Ray Stevens and Jack Vansky	draw-ddq
May 24	Richmond, VA	w/George Becker and Pete Managoff vs Ray Stevens, Ernie Dusek, and Emil Dusek	draw
May 27	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Emil and Ernie Dusek	draw
		<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>	

1957 -----

June 3	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Emil and Ernie Dusek	won-dq <i>Southern Tag Team Title Match - No Time Limit</i>
June 8	Hickory, NC	w/Marco Polo vs Ivan Bornof and Karol Fozoff	
June 17	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Ray Stevens and Johnny Heideman	lost-dq
June 24	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Ray Stevens and Johnny Heideman	won <i>No Disqualification</i>
July 8	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Ray Stevens and Johnny Heideman	won <i>Texas Tornado Match</i>
July 12	Richmond, VA	w/George Becker vs George and Sandy Scott	won
August 2	Richmond, VA	Tinker Todd	lost
August 10	Hickory, NC	w/George Becker* vs Ray Stevens and Johnny Heidman	
August 16	Richmond, VA	<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i> John Smith	draw
September 2	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Karol Fazoff and Ivan Bornov	lost
September 9	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Karol Fazoff and Ivan Bornov	won
September 16	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Doc and Mike Gallagher	lost <i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>
September 23	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Doc and Mike Gallagher	won-dq <i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>
September 30	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Doc and Mike Gallagher	won <i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>

Note: Dick Steinborn and George Becker beat Doc and Mike Gallagher in Charlotte, North Carolina on September 30, 1957 to win the Southern Tag Team Title.

October 5	Hickory, NC	w/George Becker* vs Ivan Bornof and Karol Fozoff	
October 7	Charlotte, NC	<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i> w/George Becker vs John and Al Smith	draw <i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>
October 12	Hickory, NC	w/George Becker* vs Ivan Bornof and Karol Fozoff	
October 28	Charlotte, NC	<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match - No Disqualification</i> w/George Becker vs Doug and Red Donovan	lost
November 4	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Doug and Red Donovan	lost-dq <i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>
November 6	Danville, VA	w/George Becker vs Elephant Boy and Prof. William Brooks	won

1957 -----

November 11	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Doug and Red Donovan	won
<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match - No Disqualification</i>			
December 7	Hickory, NC	w/George Becker* vs Red and Doug Donovan	
<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>			
December 14	Hickory, NC	w/George Becker* vs Red and Doug Donovan	
<i>Return Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>			
December 30	Charlotte, NC	Kurt von Hess	lost

1958 -----

January 6	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Jim Austeri and Elephant Boy	won
January 11	Lexington, NC	w/George Becker vs Karl von Hess and Tom Bradley	draw
January 18	Lenoir, NC	w/George Becker* vs Ali Bey and Gypsy Joe	
<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>			
January 20	Charlotte, NC	Ali Bey	won
January 25	Lexington, NC	w/George Becker vs Karl von Hess and Tom Bradley	won
February 15	Charlotte, NC (TV)	The Great Bolo	lost
February 17	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Gypsy Joe and Kurt von Hess	draw
<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>			
February 18	Asheville, NC	w/George Becker vs Elephant Boy and Jim Austeri	won
March 31	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Mr. Moto and Duke Keomuka	lost
<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>			

Note: *Mr. Moto and Duke Keomuka beat Dick Steinborn and George Becker in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 31, 1958 to win the Southern Tag Team Title.*

April 7	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Ali Bey and Jim Austeri	won
April 14	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker vs Mr. Moto and Duke Keomuka	won
April 21	Charlotte, NC	Bob Corby	won
May 3	Hickory, NC	The Great Bolo	
May 14	Bristol, TN	Gorgeous George	
May 16	Roanoke, VA	w/George Becker vs Gorgeous George and Johnny Heidman	won
May 19	Charlotte, NC	w/George Becker and Mike Clancy vs Mr. Moto, Duke Keomuka and Suigi	won
May 24	Hickory, NC	w/George Becker vs Jim Austeri and Hans Schnable	lost
May 26	Charlotte, NC	Hans Schnable	lost
May 31	Hickory, NC	w/George Becker vs Jim Austeri and Hans Schnable	
June 16	Fort Worth, TX	Stu Gibson	won
June 20	Houston, TX	John Tolos	draw

CITY AUDITORIUM Wrestling Program

MORRIS P. SIGEL, *Promoter*

NO. 635 — FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1958 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA 2-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

Young Dickie Steinborn Battles El Medico For The Texas Title In Great 42nd Anniversary Celebration Headliner!

Young Dickie Steinborn gets a chance for which he has been prepared most of his 24 years when he meets El Medico in the main event tonight. The youngster, who has been carefully tutored in wrestling and in athletics since he was able to walk, points right at the masked head of the champion of Texas tonight and is determined to take the belt away from him.

Medico is just as determined that youth will not be served, at least not at his expense. He wants that belt and the extra percentage it brings him in pesos and he will battle tooth and nail to keep it in his possession.

Steinborn is in top shape tonight, although he is young in years he is a veteran in experience. He has wrestled professionally since he was 17 and has met the best in 10 countries and defeated them.

One thing is certain, the youngster will have the majority of the female fans on his side tonight. Few wrestlers have made as solid a hit with the distaff side of the game as Dickie and they are willing to whoop him on to a victory over anyone in the game.

But whooping is only half the battle, the other half is in that ring!

RITO ROMERO Back on Friday!

Rito Romero, his Mexican motion picture finished and that part of his career behind him, temporarily at least, returns to action here next Friday night on the great card promoter Morris Sigel is preparing for the City Auditorium.

Rito, eager to get going now that he is able to turn his full attention to wrestling, intends to go full blast to show Texas fans that he is in better shape than ever and able to climb higher on the wrestling ladder than ever.

Says Rito: "I want Duke Keomuka. He is the last man I wrestled here before I had to go back to Mexico. Now I want to show him up before these people."



DICK STEINBORN AND MISS TEXAS WRESTLING OF 1958, BEVERLY BALES

THIS IS THE GIRL WHO RATES THE TITLE!

Miss Beverly Bales, the girl who won the title of Miss Texas Wrestling of 1958 on the 4th of July against the tough competition of 30 good looking girls, is a former Spring Branch High student.

Right now she is preparing to attend her second semester at the University of Houston, but if you phone KILT her melodious voice will be the one that answers the phone. Miss Texas Wrestling is also Miss KILT. You might also recall her as the winner in the Miss Youth Club contest recently.

Beverly does free lance modeling for all of the well known local stores, she learned to model at Polly Estess studios.

She admits that she is 18, that she has been a wrestling fan, mostly on TV, for years, and that her favorites are Pepper Gomez and Dickie Steinborn.

She also admits that she is thrilled at her new title.

CITY AUDITORIUM Wrestling Program

MORRIS P. SIGEL, Promoter

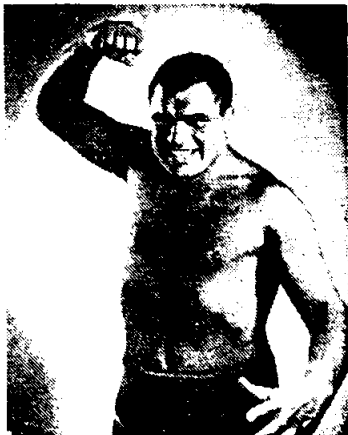
NO. 637 — FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1958 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA 2-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

Commission Ordered Return Match Puts Medico's Texas Title In Jeopardy! Dickie Steinborn Ready For Action!



COMMISSIONER CHECKS RULEBOOK—Billy Smith, deputy boxing and wrestling commissioner for Texas, center, checks over the rules before deciding to order a rematch between El Medico, second from left, and Dickie Steinborn, right. Referee Kuss is on the left.

Tolos Meets Gomez! Howls For Winner!



"Toots" Tolos

"Toots" Tolos, the tough Greek grappler, faces tough opposition tonight when he meets Pepper Gomez, but he is passing over this match lightly and setting sights on the winner of tonight's main event . . . he has challenged both Medico and Steinborn!

"Of course I will beat Gomez," snorted Tolos, "he is an overgrown midget meeting a man sized man. I can whip both of those bums in the main event tonight in the same ring on the same night and name the hold and the time. They are my meat. I want to meet either one or both, why am I not in the main event tonight? It is because I would make duck soup out of either one of them, it would be a tremendous, tremendous that's what it would be."

Gomez has been quiet about his plans for the future. He has made a peace pact with El Medico and they are hoping for a crack at the world's tag team title soon, hoping that promoter Morris Sigel will soon be able to arrange the match. But he has one plan in mind . . . that is to make Tolos realize he is in a match before he steps out of the ring here tonight!

There was just cause for argument on both sides.

That was the decision of Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith after hearing arguments last Saturday morning concerning the decision rendered by Otto Kuss the night before. That decision called Dickie Steinborn down and gave the victory to El Medico.

Here are the facts: Steinborn was kicked backward, he fell with his head near the ropes. Medico roared in to jackknife him, the men were so close to the ropes the referee went out on the apron in order to see the shoulders and count. He counted 3. Medico's head was stuck through the bottom and second rope, but was not touching either one. Dickie says he looked up and saw the masked head through the ropes and relaxed because he felt the hold would be broken; he also heard the count but figured it was for Medico to break.

In the hearing Smith heard all stories one at a time and read the rule book closely. The book leaves it to a referee's discretion as to when the ropes actually interfere with the match. Otto said he felt they did not interfere, Dickie thought they would have if he had struggled.

Smith ordered a return match within 30 days; Dickie demanded it immediately! He said he was in shape right now and confident he could win, a delay might take the edge off his condition. Promoter Morris Sigel stepped in and signed the match for this week.

SIGEL'S GESTURE PRAISED!

Promoter Morris Sigel's generous move in moving this card lock stock and anniversary price right back into the Coliseum has been widely praised by officials, fans and the press as one of the broadest gestures of friendship any promoter has ever made to the sports public in Houston. Said Sigel: "In fairness I had to return the same price since it was a commission ordered return. This will cost me but I am not complaining. I prize the good will of the fans here more than profit."

1958 -----

June 23	Fort Worth, TX	Duke Keomuka	won
June 24	Dallas, TX	Mad Man Martin (aka Brute Bernard)	won-dq
June 27	Houston, TX	Stu Gibson	won
June 28	Beaumont, TX	Ed Francis	won
June 30	Fort Worth, TX	Duke Keomuka	lost
July 1	Dallas, TX	John Tolos	draw
July 4	Houston, TX	Ali Bey (Tito Kopa)	won
July 5	Beaumont, TX	Duke Keomuka	draw
		w/El Medico vs	
		John Tolos and Duke Keomuka	lost
July 7	Fort Worth, TX	John Tolos	won-dec
July 8	Dallas, TX	Larry Chene	draw
July 11	Houston, TX	Tony Martin (aka Tom Renesto)	won
July 12	Beaumont, TX	Pepper Gomez	draw
July 14	Fort Worth, TX	w/El Medico vs	
		Duke Keomuka and Marvin Jones	
		(Jones sub for John Tolos)	won
July 15	Dallas, TX	Marvin Jones	
		(sub for Paul DeGalles)	won
July 18	Houston, TX	El Medico	lost
July 21	Fort Worth, TX	Larry Chene	draw
July 22	Dallas, TX	Duke Keomuka	draw
July 25	Houston, TX	El Medico	won
		<i>Texas Heavyweight Title Match</i>	

Note: Dick Steinborn beat El Medico in Houston, Texas on July 25, 1958 to win the Texas Heavyweight Title.

July 28	Waco, TX	Ruffy Hines	won
July 29	Dallas, TX	w/Bob Ellis vs	
		Duke Keomuka and John Tolos	draw
August 1	Houston, TX	Pepper Gomez	
August 4	Waco, TX	El Medico	
August 8	Houston, TX	Bill Longson	
August 15	Houston, TX	Rito Romero	draw
August 18	Fort Worth, TX	Rito Romero	nc
August 22	Houston, TX	John Tolos	won
August 25	Fort Worth, TX	Rito Romero	won
August 29	Houston, TX	Danny McShane	
September 1	Fort Worth, TX	Pepper Gomez	lost
September 2	Dallas, TX	Mad Man Martin	won-cor
September 5	Houston, TX	Johnny Valentine	lost
September 9	Dallas, TX	w/Marvin Jones vs	
		Mad Man Martin	won
September 12	Houston, TX	Johnny Valentine	won
September 16	Dallas, TX	Johnny Valentine	won
September 18	San Antonio, TX	Danny McShane	won
September 19	Houston, TX	Tokyo Joe	won
September 25	San Antonio, TX	Rito Romero	draw
September 26	Houston, TX	Bob Corby	
September 30	Dallas, TX	Rito Romero	draw
October 2	San Antonio, TX	Rito Romero	won
October 3	Houston, TX	Tosh Togo (Harold Sakata)	lost
		<i>Texas Heavyweight Title Match</i>	

CITY AUDITORIUM Wrestling Program

MORRIS P. SIGEL, Promoter

NO. 641 — FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1958 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA 2-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

TRIPLE MAIN EVENT THREATENS EXPLOSIVE ACTION!

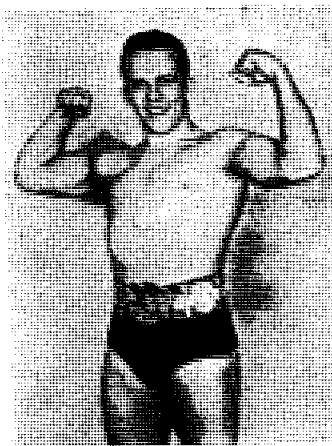
JOHNNY VALENTINE vs DICKIE STEINBORN

All three main events tonight have equal status, they will draw for their position on the card, but it is undoubtedly true that with such a wealth of action due to erupt fans will take their usual sides for and against certain men and matches.

But in the mind of Dickie Steinborn there is just one match on tonight's card and that is the one in which he faces Johnny Valentine, a 2 out of 3 fall clash with a 60 minute time limit and while the Texas state title will not be at stake Dick is well aware that his reputation is on the line.

Valentine has been sneering at Dickie over long distance. The big blond claims that Steinborn is not capable of holding the Texas state heavyweight title while he is around . . . and he means to prove it. Steinborn rightfully resents the remarks that the arrogant Valentine has been throwing his way and is set for a sizzling scrap.

"My father taught me that empty wrestlers are like empty barrels, they are full of nothing and they break into pieces," said Dickie quietly.

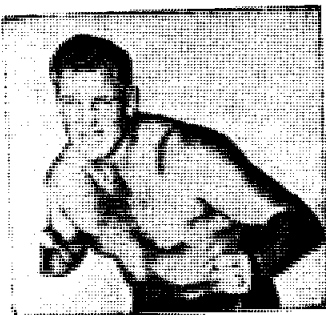


IKE EAKINS vs EL MEDICO

Ike Eakins puts the blame on El Medico that he lost the grip he had on the world's tag team title along with Wild Bill Longson, and Big Ike's answer is tonight's chance to blast El Medico out of the picture. But Big Ike has more plans than that.

"I'll knock this guy's head off and the mask too," growled Ike. "I have been dreaming of sending a white ball bouncing up the aisle and when the fans get a glimpse of what this bum looks like they will know I have done them a favor in destroying him forever."

Medico has faced other men who have threatened to knock his head off, and to rip his mask off too. He knows he will be in for a tough tussle with Eakins and while he doesn't say that he believes Eakins will fail to make good on his threat, he is not likely to give him any opportunity to fulfill it.



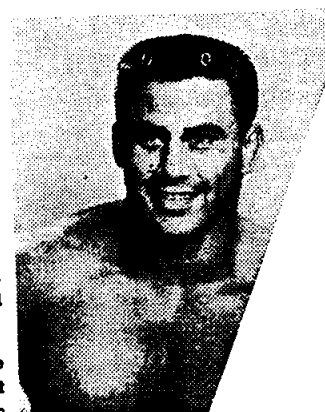
TOOTS TOLOS vs PEPPER GOMEZ

Toots Tolos is another man who believes he has a grudge based on a tag team loss. Ever since the 4th of July he has piled the blame on Pepper Gomez, first for the loss of the Texas tag team title and trophy and then for the last chance to win the world's tag team title. Now he blames Pepper for the loss of the match last week that would have meant the title!

Pepper is proud to be the target of Tolo's abuse.

"Every time this man accuses me of having prevented him from winning a title or losing a title he is giving me credit for beating him," grinned Pepper. "I hope he keeps it up, soon everyone in the country will be talking about it but they will always be saying that I beat Tolos. I like the sound of it."

Tonight's tilt promises to provide Tolos with plenty more fuel for argument because Gomez intends to leave little doubt that he is the big Greek's master. But Tolos could put a crimp in those plans too!



RASSLIN'

SPORTATORIUM — Cadiz & Industrial — DALLAS

September 9, 1958

Dallas Wrestling Club, Promoter 45

10c

Angry Mad Man To Face Jones & Steinborn In Handicap Bout *Former Favorites On The Way To Dallas!*

Tokyo Joe, Sito, Donovan And McShane Due

They are heading this way! A new bunch of former favorites ready to rejoin in the hot scramble as the fall season shapes up, looking like the best ever!

Big Jesse Cardenas, the 300-pounds-plus husky is one of them ready to come back in. Another is the dynamite man, the explosive action loving Danny McShane. Another is clever Sugi Sito, wrestling's only Chinese grappler.

And another demanding matches here is Tokyo Joe. And this name has shaken the list. Did Duke Keomuka send for Tokyo Joe? Last week Keomuka lost his partner John Tolos for six months as a result of a clause in the contract after the two lost a tandem match.

The Duke always has someone on his side it seems. And it may be that Tokyo Joe is the man Keomuka hopes can get signed for Dallas. The two make a tough team. Joe is a Karate expert, a form of battling that takes up where judo leaves off.

There will be some newcomers mixed in with the established stars, to be sure. But most of the ones now here are planning on staying. The addition of the returning headliners will make for some big matches.



MAD MAN MARTIN

**I'll Beat
Them Both
Says Mad Man**



TOKYO JOE

Punchy Martin Defies Jones & Texas Champ

The Mad Man is mad. And the only way to cool him off is to give him what he asks for—in large portions. The free-swinging, chair-busting riot maker gets what he wants tonight. A match with him taking on both Texas champion Dick Steinborn and regular referee, power-house Marvin Jones.

Martin may know what he is doing. But if he wins he is going to prove that he is able and not only a stalking punching bag. He had a hot battle with Jones two weeks ago. Jones lost because the referee stopped it, ruling that Jones was bleeding too badly from a head cut.

Last week Jones was assigned to referee Martin's match against Steinborn. And when Jones counted Martin out declaring Steinborn the winner, Martin flew into a rage. And before the arena policemen could tie him up Martin had bashed Jones over the head with a chair and challenged the both of them.

Jones says this time he is going to hurt Martin. And Jones says he is going to challenge the referee if he stops him this time. Steinborn says, "I believe I can beat the beast again. I can't seem to hurt him but I can pin him, I think".



DICK STEINBORN

**I'll Beat Him
Again, says Dick**

**I'll Hurt Him
This Time, says Jones**



MARVIN JONES

CITY AUDITORIUM Wrestling Program

MORRIS P. SIGEL, Promoter

NO. 642 — FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1958 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA 2-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

The Battle That Caused A Female Hurricane Returns!

Dickie Steinborn Posts Texas Title Belt!



Dick Steinborn

She came out of nowhere, but she caused one of the biggest commotions ever seen in the Houston ring!

Everyone in town was talking about Hurricane Ella, due in town on Friday night. Some stayed home because they thought that Hurricane Ella might hit the City Auditorium. They were almost right. A hurricane hit, it might have been Ella, no one ever did get her name.

But the hurricane that hit was a purse swinging, angry, long limbed brunette who decided that since referee Marvin Jones was knocked out of the ring she would take over his job! And when Marvin came back to reclaim his position she turned the purse on him with the same fury that she had turned it on Valentine.

It was evident that she may have mussed Valentine's hair, but she didn't bash his brains out. Johnny sat tight and watched the battle between the fem fan, and Jones reach a screaming climax, and when his opponent, Dickie Steinborn, tried to use diplomatic measures to get the lady out of the ring Johnny went into action and scored the final fall of the match!

That's the background.

Tonight's tilt grew out of that sensational affair. Valentine demanded a title match after his non-title win and Steinborn was more than willing to put the belt right on the line.

"All I ask is that anyone who wants to help me, whether it is a man or a woman, stay out of the ring and let me do this job by myself," said Steinborn as he signed for the all important match.

Sigel Asks Fans:

"STAY OUT OF RING!"



Promoter Morris Sigel has had this to add: "I want the fans to enjoy the matches but not to take part in them. I am asking everyone to please stay out of the ring to avoid accident or injury."



Johnny Valentine

World's Tag Title In Jeopardy!

Two tough customers pool their rough house talents in the other half of the double main event bill tonight when Irish Danny McShane and Duke Keomuka go after the world's tag team title held by Pepper Gomez and El Medico. It will also be a 2 out of 3 fall affair and should be a real show stealer right from the opening bell.

Gomez and Medico are ready for a real gang war out of the two tough tusslers they will face. They know that Keomuka and the hustling Hibernian will use every trick in the book to get their calloused hands on the trophy emblematic of the doubles supremacy.

Gomez has had a terrific week. At 2:30 A.M. on Tuesday his wife gave birth to a fine baby girl. Pepper has had his heart set on a boy (he already has three very charming girls!) and there was no doubt that his disappointment was hard. But he took it like a man, and a father, and he wired his friends around the country the only consolation he could find . . . "it was a big, big girl," he boasted!



Duke Keomuka



Danny McShane

CITY AUDITORIUM Wrestling Program

MORRIS P. SIGEL, Promoter

NO. 644 — FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1958 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA 2-2388-89 — PRICE 15 CENTS

DICK STEINBORN PICKS UP TOSH TOGO'S DARE HERE NEXT FRIDAY NITE!

Texas heavyweight champion Dick Steinborn will stand in the path of tough Tosh Togo, Japan's catch as catch can champion in the main event here at the City Auditorium next Friday night.

Togo has been hurling long distance threats, not only at Steinborn but at all American wrestlers, and Dickie demanded the chance to set him straight the moment he set one of his sandalled feet in the Lone Star State.

"I am the champion of Texas," said Steinborn, his face red with anger, "and if he thinks American wrestlers aren't good enough to wash his feet then I ought to have the chance to show him what the score is."

Dickie also insisted that he wanted no favors, he would put his Texas title right on the line and that he would send Togo right back to Japan on the first boat by making him lose face in his first match in Texas.

Duke Keomuka, who seems to be managing Tosh Togo, had this to say:

"Togo is the best the Orient has to offer, he is the finest, strongest and fastest American style wrestler in Japan as well as being tops in judo, sumo and karate. He will annihilate all the Americans he faces and that goes for Steinborn too."

Dick's title is not at stake tonight against Bob Corby, so no matter what the outcome of that match he will step into the main event next Friday night.



Tosh Togo



Dick Steinborn

Next Friday Night! No TV! Beautiful Girl Wrestler Here

A picture speaks a thousand words! The picture below will speak 10,000! It shows Penny Banner (standing) and she will meet clever Laura Martinez here next Friday night. The match will not be seen on television. Along with Penny is her partner as world's tag team champs, Lorraine Johnson. Look at the picture . . . enuf said!



1958 -----

Note: Tosh Togo beat Dick Steinborn in Houston, Texas on October 3, 1958 to win the Texas Heavyweight Title.

October 17	Houston, TX	Jerry Woods	draw
October 21	Dallas, TX	w/Rito Romero vs Duke Keomuka and Tosh Togo	draw
October 24	Houston, TX	Danny McShane	lost
October 28	Dallas, TX	Red Berry	lost
October 31	Houston, TX	Red Berry	won
November 6	Amarillo, TX	Rip Hawk	lost
November 20	Amarillo, TX	Mike DiBiase	lost

1959 -----

as Dickie Gunkel

April 3	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie*	draw
		<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
April 10	Marietta, GA	w/Don McClarity vs Skull Murphy and Mickey Blassie	won
April 17	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie*	won
		<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
		<i>Two rows of ringside seats removed!</i>	

Note: Dickie Gunkel (Steinborn) beat Freddie Blassie in Atlanta, Georgia on April 17, 1959 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.

April 24	Marietta, GA	w/Roy Acosta and Farmer Powell vs Freddie Blassie, Gypsy Joe and Skull Murphy	lost
May 1	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel vs Freddie Blassie and Skull Murphy	won
May 8	Atlanta, GA	Skull Murphy	lost
		<i>Special referee: Joey Maxim</i>	
May 15	Marietta, GA	w/Don McClarity and Farmer Powell vs Gypsy Joe, Freddie Blassie and Mickey Blassie	lost
May 22	Marietta, GA	w/Don McClarity and Ray Gunkel vs Freddie Blassie, Skull Murphy and Gypsy Joe	lost
June 12	Atlanta, GA	w/Don McClarity and Ray Gunkel vs Freddie Blassie, Mickey Blassie and Gypsy Joe	won
June 19	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie	lost
		<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match*</i>	
		<i>Blassie will leave town if defeated.</i>	

Note: Freddie Blassie beat Dickie Gunkel in Atlanta, Georgia on June 19, 1959 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.

July 3	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie	lost
		<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
July 10	Atlanta, GA	Skull Murphy	won
		w/Adrian Baillargeon and Don McClarity vs El Gato, Gypsy Joe and Skull Murphy	won
July 17	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie	lost
		<i>"This Earth Is Mine" Trophy at Stake</i>	
		<i>Screen Test to the Winner</i>	

1959 -----

July 24	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel and Adrian Baillargeon vs Skull Murphy, Gypsy Joe and El Gato	won
July 31	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie	won
<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match</i>			
<i>Barbed Wire Around Ring</i>			

Note: *Dickie Gunkel beat Freddie Blassie in Atlanta, Georgia on July 31, 1959 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.*

August 7	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie	lost
<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match</i>			
<i>Indian Thong Match</i>			

Note: *Freddie Blassie beat Dickie Gunkel in Atlanta, Georgia on August 7, 1959 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.*

September 4	Atlanta, GA	6-Man Battle Royal Winner: Freddie Blassie	
September 11	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie	
<i>Texas Death Match</i>			
September 25	Atlanta, GA	Gorgeous George	won
October 1	Jacksonville, FL	Marco Polo	draw
October 15	Ft. Wayne, IN	Johnny Weaver	won
October 26	Indianapolis, IN	Gino Angelo	won
November 2	Ft. Wayne, IN (TV)	Gino Angelo	won
November 6	Detroit, MI	Tournament	
November 26	Indianapolis, IN	Angelo Poffo	lost
November 27	Brownsville, IN	Gino Angelo	
November 28	Detroit, MI	Guy Brunetti	draw
December 4	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie	won
<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match</i>			

Note: *Dickie Gunkel (Steinborn) beat Freddie Blassie in Atlanta, Georgia on December 4, 1959 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.*

December 11	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie	lost
<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match</i>			

Note: *Freddie Blassie beat Dickie Gunkel in Atlanta, Georgia on December 11, 1959 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.*

December 18	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel vs Angelo Poffo and Freddie Blassie	won
December 24	Indianapolis, IN	Gorgeous George	won

1960 -----

January 9	Cincinnati, OH	w/Nick Bockwinkel vs Roy and Ray Shire	lost
January 11	Detroit, MI	w/Lou Eisenhart vs Roy and Ray Shire	lost
January 15	Detroit, MI	w/Joe Blanchard vs Chris and John Tolos	lost

1960 -----

January 23	Cincinnati, OH	Johnny Weaver	draw
January 30	Indianapolis, IN	Johnny Weaver	draw
February 5	Detroit, MI	w/Johnny Weaver vs Roy and Ray Shire	lost
February 6	Indianapolis, IN (TV)	Walter Weedyling	won
February 11	Indianapolis, IN	The Crusher	won-dq
February 20	Detroit, MI	Chris Tolos	draw
February 25	Indianapolis, IN	w/Johnny Weaver vs Boris and Nicoli Volkoff	lost
March 11	Kokomo, IN	The Crusher	won
March 18	Detroit, MI	w/Johnny Weaver vs Roy and Ray Shire	draw
March 28	Orlando, FL	Tito Carreon	draw

Note: *Dickie Gunkel regained the Southern Heavyweight Title in the early part of 1960.*

April 1	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel vs Serge (George) Malkoff and Bad Boy Hines	
		<i>International Tag Team Title Match</i>	

Note: *Dickie and Ray Gunkel beat Serge Malkoff and Bad Boy Hines in Atlanta, Georgia on April 1, 1960 to win the International Tag Team Title.*

April 2	Detroit, MI	w/Johnny Weaver vs Roy and Ray Shire	lost
April 8	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel vs Fred Blassie and Eric Pederson	won
		<i>International Tag Team Title Match</i>	
April 14	Milwaukee, WI	w/Johnny Weaver vs Ray and Roy Shire	lost
April 15	Atlanta, GA	Freddie Blassie	lost
		<i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>	

Note: *Freddie Blassie beat Dick Steinborn in Atlanta, Georgia on April 15, 1960 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.*

April 16	Indianapolis, IN (TV)	Martino Angelo	won
April 23	Indianapolis, IN	Jack Wilson	won
April 26	Indianapolis, IN	w/Joe Blanchard vs The Medics	lost
April 29	Milwaukee, WI	The Sheik	lost
April 30	Detroit, MI	Dr. Bill Miller	lost
May 21	Omaha, NE	Sandy Scott	won
		Wee Willie Davis	won
		Gene Kiniski	won
		<i>One-night Tournament</i>	

Note: *Freddie Blassie beat Dickie Gunkel in Atlanta, Georgia on April 15, 1960 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.*

June 11	Detroit, MI	Joe Blanchard	lost
June 17	Atlanta, GA	w/Chief Little Eagle vs Corsica Joe and Jean	

1960 -----

Note: *Dickie Gunkel changes his name back to Dickie Steinborn.*

June 24	Atlanta, GA	The Mighty Yankee (Roger Mackey)	won-dq
		<i>Special referee: Paul Jones</i>	
July 1	Atlanta, GA	Gorgeous George	won
July 8	Atlanta, GA	Gorgeous George	won
		<i>Return by Demand</i>	
July 15	Atlanta, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs	
		The Mighty Yankee and Tony Neopolitan	nc
July 22	Atlanta, GA	The Mighty Yankee	won
		<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match</i>	

Note: *Dick Steinborn beat The Mighty Yankee in Atlanta, Georgia on July 22, 1960 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.*

July 29	Atlanta, GA	The Mighty Yankee	lost
		<i>Southern Heavyweight Title Match</i>	

Note: *The Mighty Yankee beat Dick Steinborn in Atlanta, Georgia on July 29, 1960 to win the Southern Heavyweight Title.*

July 30	Philadelphia, PA	The Sheik	lost
August 5	Atlanta, GA	Corsica Jean	won
August 6	Omaha, NE	Verne Gagne	lost
August 19	Atlanta, GA	w/George Drake vs	
		Boris and Nikoli Volkoff	lost
August 26	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel and Bill Dromo vs	
		Boris Volkoff, Nikoli Volkoff and	
		Pretty Boy Roy Nelson w/mgr. Sir Reginald Gable	won
September 2	Atlanta, GA	w/George Drake vs	
		Pretty Boy Nelson and Freddie Blassie	
September 9	Atlanta, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs	
		Pretty Boy Nelson and Red Dugan	won
September 16	Atlanta, GA	w/Johnny Weaver vs	
		Boris and Nikoli Volkoff	
September 20	Tampa, FL	w/Hans Schmidt vs	
		Eddie Graham and Buddy Austin	
September 23	Atlanta, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs	
		Boris and Nikoli Volkoff	won
September 30	Atlanta, GA	w/Fran Gravette vs	
		Johnny Weaver and Penny Banner	lost
		<i>Mixed Tag Team Match</i>	
October 7	Atlanta, GA	Johnny Weaver	
October 28	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel vs	
		Freddie Blassie and Pretty Boy Nelson	lost
November 2	Bridgeport, CT	Lou Albano	won
November 3	Washington, DC	Angelo Savoldi	won
November 9	Bridgeport, CT	Al Smith	won
November 10	Washington, DC	Tony Altimore	won
November 12	Bridgeport, CT	Al Smith	
November 15	Baltimore, MD		
November 18	Leonardville, MD	???	
November 21	Washington, DC	Skull Murphy	won
November 24	Milwaukee, WI	Chet Wallick	won

1960 -----

November 30	Sparta, NJ	???	
December 1	Milwaukee, WI	Crusher (Reggie) Lisowski	won
December 8	Milwaukee, WI	Johnny Kace	won
December 9	Chicago, IL	Skull Murphy	won
December 10	Bridgeport, CT	Jack Vansky	won
December 12	New York, NY (MSG)	Skull Murphy	cancelled-snow
December 14	Frederick, MD	???	
December 16	West Hempstead, NY	Jack Vansky	won
December 17	Philadelphia, PA	Jack Vansky	won
December 19	Bronx, NY	Jack Vansky	won
December 20	Long Island City, NY	Miguel Torres	won
December 22	Washington, DC	Arnold Skaaland	won
December 23	New York, NY (MSG)	Karl von Hess	won
December 24	Bridgeport, CT	Lou Albano	won
December 26	Washington, DC	Sandor Kovacs	draw
December 27	Baltimore, MD	Buddy Rosen	
December 30	Chicago, IL	Crusher Lisowski	draw
December 31	Philadelphia, PA	Lou Albano	won

1961 -----

January 2	Long Island City, NY	Kurt von Hess	draw
January 2	Bronx, NY	Tony Altimore	won
January 3	Long Island City, NY	w/Billy Darnell vs Tony Altimore and Al Smith	won
January 5	Washington, DC	Lou Albano	won
January 6	Highland Park, NJ	Lou Albano	won
January 7**	Bridgeport, CT	Herb Larson	won
January 7**	Bridgeport, CT	Arnold Skaaland	won
January 10	Baltimore, MD	Al Smith	won
January 12	Washington, DC	Herb Larson	won
January 13	West Hempstead, NY	Angelo Savoldi	won
January 14	White Plains, NY	Tony Altimore	won
January 16	Bronx, NY	Sandor Kovacs	won
January 17	Baltimore, MD	Lou Farina	won
January 18	Reading, PA	Judo Jack Terry	won
January 19	Milwaukee, WI	Ray Zills	won
January 20	Chicago, IL	Hans Schmidt	won
January 23	New York, NY (MSG)	Chick Garibaldi	won
January 24	Baltimore, MD	Buddy Rogers	lost
January 25	White Plains, NY	w/Billy Darnell vs Herb Larson and George Harris	won
January 28	Bronx, NY	Tito Carreon	draw
January 30	Bronx, NY	Bob Boyer	won
January 30	New York, NY	Tito Carreon	draw
February 2	Milwaukee, WI	Judo Jack Terry	won
February 3	Chicago, IL	Buddy Rogers	lost
February 9	Milwaukee, WI	Nicoli Volkoff	won
February 10	Benton Harbor, MI	w/Sweet Daddy Siki vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost
February 13	Reading, PA	Billy Darnell	draw
February 14	Baltimore, MD	Red Berry	won
February 15	Newburgh, NY	w/Arnold Skaaland vs Tony Altimore and Lou Albano	won

1961 -----

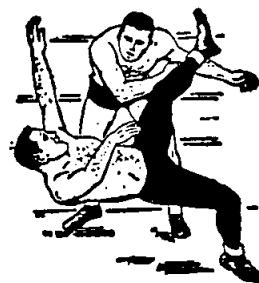
February 16	Washington, DC	Lou Albano	won
February 18	Long Island City, NY	w/Sandor Kovacs vs Al Costello and Fred Atkins	lost
February 18	New Haven, CT	w/Abe Jacobs vs Richard "Red" Grupe and Tony Casenza	won
February 20	Washington, DC	The Crusher (Lisowski)	draw
February 24	Philadelphia, PA	Angelo Poffo	draw
February 25	Bridgeport, CT	Sandor Kovacs	won
March 2	Milwaukee, WI	w/Jack Allen vs Lou Albano and Tony Altimore	lost
		Karl von Hess	draw
March 9	Sterling, IL	The Crusher	won-dq
March 10	Moline, IL	Mighty Atlas	
March 13	Washington, DC	Haruo Sasaki	draw
March 14	Long Island City, NY	Fred Atkins	won or draw
March 15	Elizabeth, NJ	Herb Larson	won
March 16	Milwaukee, WI	Moose Cholak	
March 17	Chicago, IL	w/Primo Carnera vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost
March 21	Long Island City, IL	w/Billy Darnell vs Tony Altimore and Lou Albano	won
March 22	Newburgh, NY	Haruo Sasaki	draw
March 23	Washington, DC	Abe Jacobs	won
March 24	Philadelphia, PA	Red Grupe	won-dq
March 25	Denville, NJ	Jack Ostermiller	won
March 26	Chicago, IL	The Mighty Atlas	won
March 27	New York, NY (MSG)	Angelo Poffo	won
March 28	Long Island City, NY	w/Sandor Kovacs vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost
March 29	Winchester, VA	Arnold Skaaland	draw
March 31	Highland Park, NJ	w/Billy Darnell vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost-dq
April 1	Bridgeport, CT	Red Grupe	won
April 3	Washington, DC	Larry Simon	draw
April 4	Long Island City, IL	w/Billy Darnell vs Taro Sakura and Haruo Sasaki	won-dq
April 5	Sparta, NJ	Bob Orton	won
April 6	Washington, DC	Swede Hanson	won
April 8	Bridgeport, CT	Herb Larson	won
April 11	Long Island City, IL	w/Billy Darnell vs Karl von Hess and Richard "Red" Grupe	won
April 12	Waterbury, CT	Miguel Torres	won
April 13	Washington, DC	Herb Larson	won
April 14	Highland Park, NJ	w/Billy Darnell vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost
April 15	Long Island City, NY	w/Billy Darnell vs Taro Sakura and Haruo Sasaki	won
April 15	Commack, NY	Fritz von Wallick	won
April 17	Bronx, NY	w/Billy Darnell vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost
April 18	Long Island City, IL	Buddy Rogers	lost
April 19	Newburgh, NY	Miguel Torres (sub for Angelo Poffo)	won
April 21	West Hempstead, NY	w/Billy Darnell vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost

1961 -----

April 22	Somerville, NJ	Sandor Kovacs	won
April 24	Brooklyn, NY	Larry Simon	
April 25	Long Island City, NY	Larry Simon	won-dq
April 27	Washington, DC	w/Johnny Valentine vs Karl von Hess and Red Grupe	won
April 28	Kingston, NY	w/Johnny Valentine vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	won-decision
April 29	Long Island City, NY	w/Billy Darnell vs Buddy Rogers and Bob Orton	lost
April 29	Paterson, NJ	Miguel Torres	won
May 1	Brooklyn, NY	Fred Atkins	won
May 7	Washington, DC	w/Billy Darnell vs Buddy Rogers and Bob Orton	lost
May 9	Washington, DC	w/Bill Darnell vs Buddy Rogers and Bob Orton	lost
May 11	Washington, DC	Herb Larson	won
May 12	Asbury Park, NJ	Billy Zbyszko (Bill Dromo)	draw
May 13	Long Island City, NY	w/Vittorio "Argentina" Apollo vs Taro Sakura and Haruo Sasaki	won
May 15	New Haven, CT	Fred Atkins	won-dq
May 16	Long Island City, NY	w/Argentina Apollo vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	nc
May 17	Newburgh, NY	Buddy Rogers	lost
May 19	White Plains, NY	Kurt von Hess	won-dq
May 20	Teaneck, NJ	w/Argentina Apollo vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	draw
May 22	Bronx, NY	Tony Altimore	lost-dq
May 24	Chicago, IL	Johnny Kace	lost
May 25	Milwaukee, WI	Jack Allen	draw
May 26	Chicago, IL	Mighty Atlas	won-dq
May 27	Philadelphia, PA	w/Billy Darnell vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost
May 29	White Plains, NY	Larry Simon	draw
May 30	Long Island City, NY	Karl von Hess (sub for Swede Hanson)	draw
May 31	Norwalk, CT	Arnold Skaaland	draw
June 2	Haverstraw, NY	w/Antonino Rocca vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	draw
June 3	Paterson, NJ	Angelo Savoldi	won
June 5	Washington, DC	Larry Simon	draw
June 6	Long Island City, NY	Haruo Sasaki	won
June 7	Chicago, IL	Hans Schmidt	
June 8	Milwaukee, WI	Crusher Lisowski	won-dq
June 12	Brooklyn, NY	Angelo Savoldi	won
June 12	New York, NY	w/Billy Darnell vs Mark Lewin and Don Curtis	lost
June 13	Norwalk, CT	Tony Martinelli	won
June 14	White Plains, NY	Tony Altimore	lost-cor
June 19	Bronx, NY	Bob Orton	draw
June 20	Long Island City, NY	Karl von Hess	nc
June 21	Commack, NY	Jack Vansky	won
June 23	New York, NY (MSG)	w/Billy Darnell vs Mark Lewin and Don Curtis	lost
June 24	East Hamden, CT		

BIG-TIME WRESTLING

JACKSONVILLE'S
Official SOUVENIR PROGRAM



Vol. 1, No. 12

Thursday, October 19, 1961

Price 10c



BIG IKE EAKIN

Autograph



DICK STEINBORN

Autograph



TOJO YAMAMOTO

Autograph



TARO MYAKI

Autograph

• • •
BIG IKE EAKIN
AND
DICK STEINBORN

FORM A NEW
COMBINE

TO TAKE ON

THE VICIOUS JAPS

TOJO YAMAMOTO

AND

TARO MYAKI

• • •
PROGRAM
LUCKY
NUMBER

No. 190

1961 -----

June 26	Alexandria, VA	w/Billy Darnell and Bill Zbyszko vs Roy Heffernan, Al Costello and Red Berry	cancelled-rain
June 27	Bel Air, MD	Bill Zbyszko	draw
June 28	Front Royal, VA		
June 29	Washington, DC	The Black Terror (Laverne Baxter)	draw
June 30	Chicago, IL	Bob Orton	lost
July 1	Bridgeport, CT	w/Jerry London vs Mark Lewin and Don Curtis	lost
July 3	Lodi, NJ	Tony Martinelli	draw
July 4	Charlestown, WV	The Black Terror	
July 5	Chesapeake City, MD	w/Antonino Rocca vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	draw
July 6	Utica, NY	w/Jerry London vs Sputnik and Rocket Monroe	failed to show
July 7	Pittsburgh, PA	w/Sailor Art Thomas and Sweet Daddy Siki vs Tony Altimore, Lou Albano and Angelo Savoldi	won
July 8	Atlantic City, NJ	Karl von Hess	draw
July 10	Washington, DC	w/The Angel (Jean Baillargeon) and Billy Darnell vs Roy Heffernan, Al Costello and Red Berry	draw
July 11	Long Island City, NY	Bob Orton	draw
July 15	Atlantic City, NJ	w/Bill Zbyszko vs Sputnik and Rocket (Bill Fletcher) Monroe	lost
July 17	Alexandria, VA	w/The Angel and Bill Zbyszko vs Roy Heffernan, Al Costello and Red Berry	won
July 18	Ansonia, CT	The Black Terror	nc
July 19	Branford, CT	Larry Simon	
July 20	Washington, DC	w/Arnold Skaaland vs Mark Lewin and Don Curtis	lost
July 21	New Haven, CT	Fred Atkins	
July 22	Bridgeport, CT	Miguel Torres OR Jack Vansky	won
July 22	Atlantic City, NJ	Larry Simon	won
July 24	Freeport, NY	Fred Atkins	won
July 25	Long Island City	Miguel Torres	
July 26	Poughkeepsie, NY	w/Tony Cosenza vs Rocket Monroe and Tony Altimore	won
July 28	New York City, NY	w/Arnold Skaaland vs Bob Orton and Bobby Davis	lost
July 29**	Bridgeport, CT	Jack Vansky	won
July 29**	Bridgeport, CT	Miguel Torres	won
July 31	Trenton, NJ	Bob Orton	draw
August 2	Staten Island, NY	Karl von Hess	rained out
August 3	Washington, DC	Doug Kinslow	won
August 4	Asbury Park, NJ	w/Billy Darnell vs Mark Lewin and Don Curtis	nc
August 5	Atlantic City, NJ	Argentina Apollo	draw
August 7	Washington, DC	w/Red Bastien vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost
August 8	Long Island City, NY	Bob Orton (sub for Buddy Rogers)	lost-cor
August 9	Commack, NY	w/Red Bastien vs Mark Lewin and Don Curtis	lost
August 11	Asbury Park, NJ	w/Billy Darnell vs Bob Orton and The Great Scott	lost
August 12	Bridgeport, CT	w/Tony Cosenza vs Mark Lewin and Don Curtis	lost

THE RINGSIDER



Miami Beach's Official Souvenir Wrestling Program

DAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1961

LUCKY NUMBER PROGRAM

10c

Eddie & Dickie Meet Japs Carreons Also Vie Tonight



Featured above is RAY VILLAREJO, who was well on his way to a Championship match with the World's Champion, Buddy Rogers. Unfortunately, for Ray, he was on the Oriental Savage, Tojo Yamamoto. Today, because of Jap, Ray's wrestling future is in doubt. It happened like

Ray had a stepover toe hold on the Jap. Tojo kicked Ray.

(Continued on Page 2)

NEW STANDINGS IN HALL OF FAME

In order to expedite the tabulation of Hall of Fame votes, we are asking you who have already nominated your favorite wrestlers to receive this honor, to do so again using the form on P. 4. The letters we are receiving are written in many different styles and forms. Some are on postcards, some in letters that deal with a great many subjects and some are written in such a manner that they are not readable. We have also received many phone calls naming a favorite wrestler. PLEASE USE THIS FORM WHEN NOMINATING YOUR FAVORITE TO THE RINGSIDER HALL OF FAME. ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT ENCLOSE YOUR MYSTERY WRESTLER ENTRY IN THE SAME ENVELOPE. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY AND ANSWER THE MAIL THAT REQUIRES ANSWERS WITHOUT SORTING OUT VARIOUS ENTRIES FOR VARIOUS

(Continued on Page 4)

LUCKY NUMBER

No. 2993

There will be three Lucky Numbers awarded tonight. Show your number to the announcer.

THE NEW CHAMPIONS...

Last week, those of you that were fortunate enough to witness one of the greatest programs ever presented, saw the former U. S. Tag Team Champions, the Fabulous Kangaroos, dethroned and also saw the throne filled by Eddie Graham and Dickie Steinborn.

The mails often bring Your Ringsider a lot of news and sometimes a laugh or two. This week brought both. We received a communique from the articulate, Shakespeare quoter, Shakespeare misquoter, and manager of the Kangaroos, Wild Red Berry, informing us that he and his former champions, "do not recognize Graham and Steinborn

(Continued on Page 4)



STEINBORN & GRAHAM

Tonight's card will be topped with a tag team match pitting the popular, newly crowned United States Tag Team Champions, Eddie Graham and Dickie Steinborn against the Oriental Savages, Tojo Yamamoto and Iaro Myaki.

These Japs have not lost a match, by being pinned, since they joined forces in this country, and have proven that they can handle themselves against some pretty tough opposition. Tonight, we think they will meet more than their match in the new champs.

Also on tonight's card will be an array of international talent. In addition to the U. S. Champs and Japanese stars, the Puerto Rico champions, Tito & Rito Carreon, will be in action.

The Carreons will appear in separate matches tonight, as Tito faces Spain's fiery competitor, Jan Madrid and Rito takes on newcomer Paul DeGaulle, a rough and ready guy from La Verne, France.

Spain's sensational Juan Sebastian, a second newcomer to the local scene, will tackle the former star of the Bastein Brothers, Lou Bastein.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Police and Andy Frain ushers have been instructed to watch for anybody throwing any object toward the ring. Violators shall be liable to arrest and will be immediately ejected from the Auditorium.

1961 -----

August 14	Alexandria, VA	w/Billy Darnell vs Bob Orton and Bobby Davis	lost
August 15	Baltimore, MD	Miguel Torres	won
August 17	Washington, DC	The Black Terror	draw
August 19	Atlantic City, NJ	The Black Terror	lost
August 20	Newark, NJ	<i>Softball game</i>	rain
August 21	Perth Amboy, NJ	Doug Kinslow	
August 22	Harmony, NJ	Sweet Daddy Siki	
August 23	Marlboro, MD	Fred Atkins	
August 24	Asbury Park, NJ	Fred Atkins	lost
August 26	Atlantic City, NJ	Fred Atkins	
August 29	Baltimore, MD	Skull Murphy	
September 4	Orlando, FL	w/Thor Hagen vs The Yankees	
September 5	Tampa, FL	w/Ike Eakins vs Joe Hamilton and Jan Madrid	won
September 7	Jacksonville, FL	Jan Madrid	
September 9	Miami Beach, FL	Herb Larson	
September 11	Orlando, FL	w/Haystack Calhoun vs Joe Hamilton and Jan Madrid	
September 12	Tampa, FL	Lenny Montana	won-dq
September 14	Jacksonville, FL	Judo Jack Terry	
September 15	Miami Beach, FL	w/Ike Eakins vs Kurt and Karl von Brauner	
September 19	Tampa, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Lenny Montana and Jan Madrid	won
September 26	Tampa, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Lenny Montana and The Mighty Bolo	won
September 28	Jacksonville, FL	Joe Hamilton	
September 29	Miami Beach, FL	George Harris	
September 30	Tampa, FL (TV)	w/Eddie Graham vs Joe Hamilton and George Harris	won
October 2	Orlando, FL	Tony Nero	won
October 3	Tampa, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	
October 6	Miami Beach, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Al Costello and Roy Heffernan	
October 9	Orlando, FL	Tojo Yamamoto	won
October 10	Tampa, FL	Joe Hamilton	won
October 12	Jacksonville, FL	w/Ike Eakins (sub for Eddie Graham) vs Al Costello and Roy Heffernan	draw
October 16	Orlando, FL	Jack Vansky	
October 17	Tampa, FL	Jan Madrid	
October 19	Jacksonville, FL	w/Ike Eakins vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	
October 23	Orlando, FL	George Harris	won
October 26	Jacksonville, FL	Taro Myaki	
October 30	Orlando, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	won
November 2	Jacksonville, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Juan Sebastian and Jan Madrid	won
November 3	Miami Beach, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Al Costello and Roy Heffernan	won
		<i>U.S. Tag Team Title Match</i>	

1961 -----

Note: *Dick Steinborn and Eddie Graham beat Al Costello and Roy Heffernan in Miami Beach, Florida on November 3, 1961 to win the U.S. Tag Team Title.*

November 7	Tampa, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	
November 9	Jacksonville, FL	Juan Sebastian	won
November 10	Miami Beach, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	
November 13	Orlando, FL	Lou Bastien	
November 14	Tampa, FL	Juan Sebastian	won
November 16	Jacksonville, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	
November 17	Miami Beach, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Kurt and Karl von Brauner	
November 20	Orlando, FL	Juan Sebastian	
November 21	Tampa, FL	Prince Omar	won
November 24	Miami Beach, FL	Pat O'Connor	

Note: *Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki won the U.S. Tag Team Title between November 3rd and November 10th, 1961.*

November 28	Tampa, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	won
-------------	-----------	---	-----

Note: *Dick Steinborn and Eddie Graham beat Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myati in Tampa, Florida on November 28, 1961 to win the U.S. Tag Team Title.*

November 30	Jacksonville, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	
December 4	Orlando, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	
December 5	Tampa, FL	w/Eddie Graham and Ike Eakins vs Taro Myaki and Tojo Yamamoto	
December 7	Jacksonville, FL	Gentleman Saul Weingeroff	won-utc
December 11	Orlando, FL	Gentleman Saul Weingeroff	
December 15	Miami Beach, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Karl von Brauner and Saul Weingeroff	won
December 19	Tampa, FL	Roy Heffernan	won-dq
December 22	Miami Beach, FL	Roy Heffernan	won-dq
December 25	Orlando, FL	Saul Weingeroff	
December 26	Lake Worth, FL	The Executioner	
December 28	Jacksonville, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Taro Myaki and Tojo Yamamoto	
December 29	Atlanta, GA	w/Eddie Graham* vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	won
December 30	Miami Beach, FL	<i>U.S. Tag Team Title Match</i> w/Eddie Graham vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	

1962 -----

January 2	Tampa, FL	Bill Dromo	draw
January 4	Jacksonville, FL	Ray Villmer	

1962 -----

January 5	Atlanta, GA	w/Eddie Graham* vs Assassin #2 and Jack Vansky	won
		<i>U.S. Tag Team Title Match</i>	
January 6	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Eddie Graham vs Sky Hi Krueger and Jack Dillon	won
January 12	Atlanta, GA	Jack Vansky	won
January 13	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Eddie Graham vs Bill Lawley and Steve Dalton	won
January 15	Orlando, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Kurt and Karl von Brauner	draw
January 26	Atlanta, GA	w/Eddie Graham vs The Assassins (Joe Hamilton and Tom Renesto)	lost
		<i>U.S. Tag Team Title Match*</i>	

Note: *The Assassins beat Dick Steinborn and Eddie Graham in Atlanta, Georgia on January 26, 1962 to win the U.S. Tag Team Title.*

February 5	Orlando, FL	Pat O'Connor	nc
February 6	Lake Worth, FL	w/Haystack Calhoun vs Taro Myaki and Tojo Yamamoto	
February 13	Lake Worth, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Taro Myaki and Tojo Yamamoto	
February 16	Miami Beach, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Taro Myaki and Tojo Yamamoto	won-dq
February 20	Tampa, FL	Verne Gagne	draw
February 22	Jacksonville, FL	Mike DiBiase	
February 24	Lakeland, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Kurt and Karl von Brauner	won-dq
February 27	Tampa, FL	Danno O'Shocker	draw
February 29	Jacksonville, FL	Mike DiBiase	
March 2	Marietta, GA	w/Eddie Graham vs Taro Myaki and Tojo Yamamoto	won
March 3	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Eddie Graham vs The Assassins	won
March 6	Tampa, FL	Jim Wright	
March 12	Orlando, FL	Billy Parks	draw
March 13	Tampa, FL	Mike DiBiase	lost
March 16	Atlanta, GA	w/Eddie Graham vs The Assassins*	draw
		<i>U.S. Tag Team Title Match</i>	
March 17	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Charley Laye	won
March 19	Augusta, GA	w/Ray Villmer vs Charley Laye and Yvon Marion	won
March 24	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Ray Villmer vs Jack Terry and Frank Hickey	won
March 30	Atlanta, GA	w/Eddie Graham vs The Assassins*	lost
		<i>U.S. Tag Team Title Match</i>	
		<i>No Time Limit or Disqualification</i>	
March 31	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Ray Villmer vs Charley Laye and Yvon Marion	won
April 6	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	draw
April 7	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Tojo Yamamoto	won

THE RINGSIDER

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



Vol. 18, No. 10

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1962

Price 15¢



THE ASSASSIN #2



DICKIE STEINBORN

TEXAS TAG TEAM DEATH MATCH

Falls Don't Count — No Disqualification

TEAM UNABLE TO ANSWER BELL LOSES.

CHIEF LITTLE EAGLE RETURNS

COWBOY AND VILLMER FACE THE
GERMANS AND MANAGER WEINGROFF.

PLUS COLORED GIRL WRESTLERS

BROWN VS. BEAMON



THE ASSASSIN #1



EDDIE GRAHAM

WRESTLING TICKET OFFICE

BUY YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT

A. B. C. TICKET OFFICE — 78 HOUSTON STREET — JACKSON 3-6880

"DROP IN AND SEE WRESTLING PICTURES"

Tune in Channel 11 Every Saturday Afternoon — 6:00 P.M. for "Live Atlanta Wrestling"

SEE THE WORLD'S GREATEST WRESTLERS EVERY FRIDAY

THE RINGSIDER



Miami Beach's Official Souvenir Wrestling Program

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17th, 1962

LUCKY NUMBER PROGRAM

10c

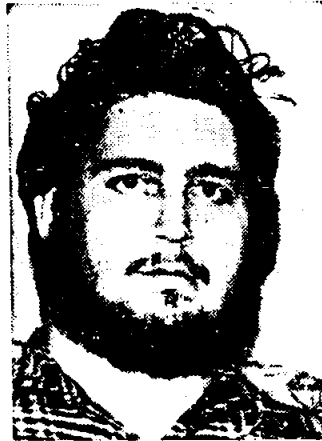
DICKIE RETURNS, FACES MALENKO FOR SOUTHERN HVYWT. TITLE BELT WRESTLING NEXT WEEK ON SATURDAY

The greatest card ever presented in Miami Beach... that's what's been said all week as the wrestling fans of Miami and Miami Beach have a real treat in store for themselves as they see the matches everyone has been clamoring for. In tonight's card, it's hard to say which matches are the main events and which are the supporting matches. However, we will go right down the line. Dickie Steinborn returns to the Miami Beach Auditorium to take on The Great Malenko, the Southern Heavyweight Champion. This match is going to be for the Southern title belt. Has Malenko finally met his match? This is what we will see tonight.

In another great match. The Fabulous Kentuckians, Jake Smith and Luke Brown, take on Karl and Karl Von Brauner in a match which can be described as a deciding match. The first match of the series, the Germans won. The second, the Kentuckians won. Tonight, who will win? The only way to



DICKIE STEINBORN



LUKE BROWN



JAKE SMITH

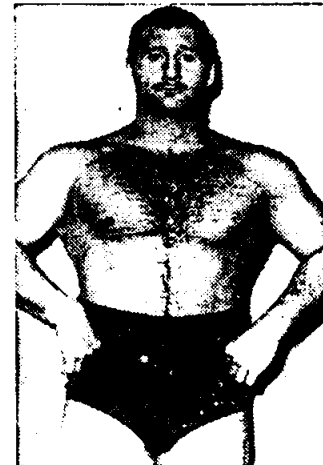
find out is to be here tonight.

In still another match which could be called a main event, The Assassins, who fell to defeat last week at the hands of The Kentuckians, take on Lenny Montana and Mike Paidousis. This match should prove to be quite interesting as these two teams clash in a match that should have the fans on the edge of their seats all the way.

In the opening bout, Cowboy Paul Jones, who made a welcomed debut last week, takes on the man known as the Brute. The Brute, reputed to be the most powerful man in wrestling, should have his hands full tonight as Jones neither asks any quarter nor gives any.



VON BRAUNERS & SAUL



THE GREAT MALENKO

LUCKY NUMBER

NO 4943

1962 -----

April 14	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Angelo Martinelli	won
April 20	Atlanta, GA	w/Eddie Graham vs Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki	won
April 21	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Eddie Graham vs Len Montana and Jim Wright	won
April 23	Augusta, GA	w/Ray Villmer vs Len Montana and Ivan Zukoff	won
April 27	Atlanta, GA	Ali Bey	won
April 28	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Jim Wright	won
May 4	Atlanta, GA	Lenny Montana	draw
May 5	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Ivan Zukoff	won
May 7	Augusta, GA	w/Andre Drapp vs Jim Wright and Tony Bello	won
May 11	Atlanta, GA	Lenny Montana <i>Texas Death Match</i>	won
May 14	Augusta, GA	Len Montana	won
May 18	Atlanta, GA	w/Eddie Graham vs The Assassins	lost
May 21	Orlando, FL	<i>Texas Death Match</i> w/Eddie Graham vs Kurt and Karl von Brauner	won
May 29	Tampa, FL	The Great Malenko	lost
June 2	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel vs Lenny Montana and The Great Malenko	won
June 8	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel vs Kurt and Karl von Brauner	lost
June 11	Augusta, GA	w/Mary Jane Mull vs Bill Lawley and Fran Gravette	won
June 13	Columbus, GA	???	
June 15	Atlanta, GA	Pedro Godoy	won
August 2	Norfolk, VA	Ike Eakins	
August 9	Portsmouth, VA	w/Ray Villmer vs Ivan Kameroff and John Smith	lost
August 13	Orlando, FL	The Great Malenko	lost
August 14	Tampa, FL	The Great Malenko	lost
August 16	Jacksonville, FL	w/Len Montana vs The Assassins	
August 17	Miami Beach, FL	The Great Malenko	
September 13	Norfolk, VA	Pancho Villa	draw
September 20	Norfolk, VA	Prince Omar	won
October 9	Raleigh, NC	Little Bolo (Jody Hamilton)	lost
October 15	Charlotte, NC	w/Johnny Weaver vs Tony Altimore and Lou Albano	
October 20	St. Paul, MN	Angelo Savoldi	won
October 23	Minneapolis, MN	Kurt von Brauner	won
October 27	St. Paul, MN	Johnny King	won
October 28	Fargo, ND (TV)	Mark Nobb	won
October 30	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Crybaby Cannon and Kurt von Brauner	won
November 3	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Rocky Hamilton and Bob Geigel	lost-dq
November 6	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Rocky Hamilton and Bob Geigel	won-dq
November 10	St. Paul, MN	Larry "Rocky" Hamilton	lost

1962 -----

November 13	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Bob Orton and Ivan Zukov	won
November 15	Rochester, MN	George "Crybaby" Cannon	won
November 18	St. Paul, MN	Battle Royal (won by <i>The Crusher</i>)	lost
November 22	Rochester, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Rocky Hamilton and Blackjack Daniels	won
November 24	Omaha, NE	The Crusher	won-dq
December 1	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Rocky Hamilton and Larry Hennig	won-dq
December 4	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Kurt von Brauner and Karl von Schoberg	won
December 8	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Larry Hennig and Karl von Schoberg	won
December 11	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Boris and Nicoli Volkoff	won
December 13	Rochester, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Larry Hennig and Stan Kowalski	won
December 16	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Stan and Art Neilson <i>A.W.A. Tag Team Title Match</i>	won

Note: *Dick Steinborn and Doug Gilbert beat Stan and Art Neilson in St. Paul, Minnesota on December 16, 1962 to win the A.W.A. Tag Team Title.*

December 18	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Larry Hennig and Stan Kowalski	won
December 22	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Larry Hennig and Stan Kowalski (Free clinic held in the morning)	won
December 22	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	draw-nc
December 28	New Ulm, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Stan Kowalski and Karl von Schoberg	won
December 29	Minneapolis, MN	Stan Kowalski	draw

1963 -----

January 1	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff <i>A.W.A. Tag Team Title Match</i>	lost
-----------	-----------------	---	------

Note: *Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff beat Dick Steinborn and Doug Gilbert in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 1, 1963 to win the A.W.A. Tag Team Title.*

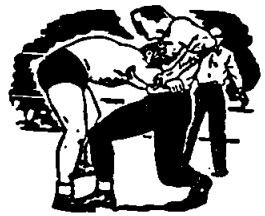
January 3	Rochester, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	won
January 5	St. Paul, MN	Gordon Nelson	won
January 8	Minneapolis, MN	Gordon Nelson	won
January 10	Rochester, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	draw-nc
January 11	St. Paul, MN	Ivan Kalmikoff	lost
January 12	Omaha, NE	Don Leo Jonathan	draw
January 19	New Ulm, MN	Rocky Hamilton	lost



PROMOTER EDDIE WILLIAMS

WRESTLING FACTS

WRESTLING AT THE ST. PAUL ARMORY
EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT



THIS
COPY **25c**

VOL. 11, NO. 5

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1962

Dick Steinborn Wins Fans, Gains Respect of Foes

Aggressive **Dick Steinborn** won the hearts of St. Paul fans in his debut and also gained the respect of future opponents.

The highly touted Steinborn modestly tried to explain that he wasn't at his best against veteran **Angelo Savoldi** in his first Armory start. But he would have a difficult time convincing his many admirers he wasn't at his peak.

"I was tense," said Dick. "I really couldn't get going. I hope to be better the next time out," the handsome youngster said as he dressed after the bout.

Steinborn was a combination of **Vern Gagne**, **Doug Gilbert** and **Wilbur Snyder**. He showed uncanny ability at slipping out of painful holds and even the veteran **Savoldi** had to agree that the newcomer has great potential.

"For a youngster he's got a lot of tools," said **Savoldi**.

Steinborn has the reputation of being able to control his temper, a strong point in his favor. "I am not going to lose my head and go wild," said the son of former strongman, **Milo**. "Every time I've tried to slug it out with some of the so-called toughies I've been hurt. And right now I can't afford any injuries."

A teen-age idol, Steinborn has his sights set on winning the title from **Vern Gagne**. "I am not going to toss any challenges at any wrestler. I want the promoter to realize my ability and earn my matches by winning impressively. I am a main eventer, but I am also ready to prove it," Dick said.



DICK STEINBORN

H.B. Proud Dad of Baby Girl

Hard Boiled Haggerty is the proud father of a 7-pound, 1 ounce baby girl. And H. B. has named his daughter **Donna "Soft Boiled" Haggerty**. The baby was born October 13.

Evans Demands Big Name Mat Stars

Moose Evans aims to make 325-pound **George Cannon's** life a miserable one tonight.

After that he wants some of the big names of professional wrestling to step up and face him.

"What's the matter around here?" asked **Moose**. "Everyone talks big, but they all refuse to face me. I can't get any action. How come **Crusher** doesn't face me? And how about this **Gagne** fellow?" asked **Evans**.

The disappointed **Evans** hinted he would be willing to face any two men at the same time to prove himself.

"Just where can I go? I can't prove I rate a title shot if I can't get any action. This **Cannon** is big, but he has only a so-so record and beating him won't prove how great I am," said the soft-spoken **Evans**.

Promoter **Eddie Williams** insists he has offered **Evans** as an opponent to all the big names and been turned down. "They don't want any part of **Moose**," **Eddie** said.

But **Williams** added: "Maybe I can force some of the top boys to face **Evans**. If they refuse a match with him I'll drop them from my cards."

Evans Challenges Vern Gagne

Moose Evans fired this challenge at **Vern Gagne**, **owski Thursday**:

"Tell him I'll face him with one hand tied behind my back."

Then he added: "And that goes for this **Rocky Hamilton** fellow."

Evans refused to say whether he would meet **Dick Steinborn** or **Doug Gilbert** with one hand missing. "Those guys can be hard to handle at times. But I'll beat them if I get them into the ring," said **Moose**. And with a grin he added: "Maybe I'll use both hands on them. It'll take both to catch them."

FLASH - - -

**Saint Paul admirers
start a Dick Steinborn
Fan Club.**

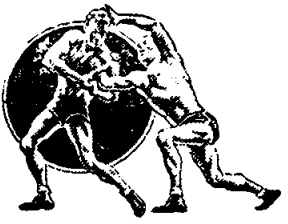
Williams Applauds Steinborn

One of the first to place a stamp of approval on **Dick Steinborn** was Promoter **Eddie Williams**, considered a pretty fair judge of wrestling flesh.

Williams said: "Steinborn looked exceptionally strong and clever to me. He's going to give a lot of people a fit around here with his assortment of holds. I liked his defensive moves. He's fast and quick and I noticed he was slipping out of

Savoldi's grasp on the way to the canvas. The aren't many wrestlers who can do that."

Williams said he would take his time about moving **Steinborn** into a main event spot. "He have to earn the top billing," said **Williams**. "I pay him main event money, but he'll have earn it."



"SPORTS FACTS"

Published by

Minneapolis Boxing & Wrestling Club

605 DYCKMAN HOTEL



MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA

Vol. 19, No. 14

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1963

25c PER COPY

Russian Kalmikoffs Seek Newly Won Gilbert-Steinborn Tag Championship



RUSSIAN KALMIKOFF BROTHERS: IVAN & KAROL



MR. HIGH & MR. LOW: GILBERT-STEINBORN

Russians Must 'Toe The Mark' Says Karbo

The biggest tag-team wrestling match in Minneapolis in recent years takes place in the main event tonight when world champs Dick Steinborn and Doug Gilbert take on the controversial Russians, Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff in a best of three falls match.

The bullet-fast Gilbert-Steinborn combination reached the top rung on the ladder Dec. 16 in St. Paul when they toppled the Nielson Brothers to capture the tag championship. Tonight's battle will be their first title defense since copping the coveted honor.

Minneapolis promoter Wally Karbo, aware of the wild tactics of the Russians, has warned Ivan and Karol that any severe violations during the championship bout will mean loss of a paycheck and possibly banishment from the Twin City scene.

"A little more than two years ago, the Russians were suspended as a team in Minneapolis for their wild actions, and it will happen again if they get out of line. The new year of 1963 means we'll tighten the rules in Minneapolis, and tonight starts it all," Karbo said.

Karbo also touched on deliberate disqualifications when he said: "Any wrestler or wrestlers who disqualify themselves for no apparent reason in an effort to avoid a loss—or even to postpone a victory—will lose their share of the purse."

A few months back, when Gilbert and Steinborn were methodically eliminating the opposition, both said they wanted the best in the world if they were fortunate enough to win the title. Now that the young duo reigns as champions, the tough test starts, because the Kalmikoffs are tougher than a \$1 steak.

Ivan and Karol agree that the setup tonight is perfect. "These two young kids work for months to be champions, and now we can have that same title with just one night's work. It's simply amazing," the two echoed in unison.

Each team uses the same battle plan: Tagging off frequently to keep a fresh man in action, so the battle tonight could be a classic struggle of two young bolts of lightning against a pair of seasoned veterans that have faced all types.

1963 -----

January 20	St. Paul, MN	Stan Kowalski	won
January 22	Minneapolis, MN	Battle Royal	lost
		(won by Rocky Hamilton)	
January 23	Rochester, MN	Bob Geigel	won-dq
		Battle Royal	won
January 24	Winnipeg, Canada	w/Gordon Nelson vs	
		Stan Kowalski and Duke Hoffman	won
January 26	St. Paul, MN	Karol Kalmikoff	lost
January 29	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		Stan Kowalski and Duke Hoffman	won
February 2	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	lost
February 7	Winnipeg, Canada	Stan Kowalski	won
February 9	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	draw
February 14	Rochester, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		The Crusher and Rocky Hamilton	lost
February 15	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert and Moose Evans vs	
		Rocky Hamilton, Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	won
February 17	Omaha, NE	Waldo von Erich	lost
February 19	Minneapolis, MN	Ivan Kalmikoff	draw
		Gordon Nelson	won
February 21	Rochester, MN	w/Doug Gilbert and Moose Evans vs	
		Rocky Hamilton, Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	won-dq
February 22	Winnipeg, Canada	Karol Kalmikoff	won-dq
		Battle Royal	lost
		(won by Hercules Cortez)	
February 23	New Ulm, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	lost
February 25	Waseca, MN	Rocky Hamilton	lost
February 26	Minneapolis, MN	w/Moose Evans vs	
		Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	lost
February 27	Mankato, MN	Jack Pesek	won
March 7	Fargo, ND	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	lost
March 8	Winnipeg, Canada	The Crusher	lost
March 9	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert and Moose Evans vs	
		Rocky Hamilton, Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	won
		Battle Royal Rules	
March 10	Austin, MN	Ivan Kalmikoff	lost
March 10	Austin, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	won-dq
March 12	Minneapolis, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	lost
March 16	St. Paul, MN	The Crusher	lost
March 17	Minneapolis, MN	Juan Hernandez	won
March 18	Minneapolis, MN (TV)	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		Tony Nero and Guy Taylor	won
March 22	Winnipeg, Canada	w/Doug Gilbert vs	
		Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	lost-dq
March 23	Detroit, MI	Nicoli Volkoff	won
March 24	Rochester, MN	w/Moose Evans vs	
		Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	lost
March 26	Minneapolis, MN	Ivan Kalmikoff	draw



PROMOTER EDDIE WILLIAMS

ST. PAUL . . . (Complete Card — Page 3)

WRESTLING FACTS

WRESTLING AT THE ST. PAUL AUDITORIUM



THIS
COPY **25c**

VOL. 11, NO. 24

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1963



Gilbert-Steinborn Demand Showdown With Russians

Next Mat Card March 9 at Auditorium

The next wrestling card is scheduled for March 9 at the St. Paul Auditorium. The National Guard Armory is unavailable for the next two Saturdays because of the Homarama show.

Promoter Eddie Williams said he will have another All Star show for his March date in the Auditorium.

"It's sad that I have to give up two Saturdays when the crowds have been terrific," said Eddie. "But it's part of the game. I have learned to give and take in the promotional business. It's a bad break, but I have to grin and bear it."

Williams has no idea of who will be featured on the next card.

Dick Steinborn and Doug Gilbert, two of the flashiest young wrestlers ever to step into a St. Paul ring, are demanding a showdown with arrogant and ruthless Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff.

"As far as we are concerned we own as much of the world tag team title as they do," said Steinborn after his gruelling struggle with the Kalmikoffs last Saturday.

"We scored the only pin and should be champions," quipped Gilbert.

Gilbert and Steinborn say they'll take their demands before officials of the American Wrestling Alliance. "The next time we face those Russians we want the time limit waived and disqualification foul rule waived," said Steinborn.

"We want to make sure we win or they win. We don't want any draws."

Gilbert feels they have completely solved the Russians' style of attack. "They are smart clever and pretty fast," said Gilbert. "But we can out-class them and we know we can out-rough them, too."

Steinborn agrees with his handsome partner. "Doug and I clicked against them the last time and we'll beat them when we face them again," promised Dick.

Gilbert and Steinborn are looking forward to teaming with Moose Evans against the Kalmikoffs and Rocky Hamilton tonight in the unique six-man tag team battle.

"This is for keeps. We'll get those guys," said Moose. "We've got the equipment to give them a thrashing."

Injury Could Cost Gagne Money

A crippling injury tonight could cost Vern Gagne a small fortune.

The world champion, who reportedly earns upwards of \$100,000 a year in the ring to rank among the biggest money makers in sports, has signed 28 contracts to defend his title in the next 50 days.

"I am taking all the risks," Gagne admitted after a secret workout last Wednesday. "But I am ready for the bout, mentally and physically."

"I feel my chances of surviving are just as good as Crusher's. In fact I am more confident going into this bout than when I met him for the title three weeks ago."

Gagne points out that his defense will be the key to victory. "I'll play a waiting game. If he makes one mistake I'll get him," promised the champion who wants to redeem himself for his near defeat at the hands of Lisowski.

"I've got a debt to pay my supporters," said Gagne. "Some thought I came in second best in my first St. Paul match and I have to prove I am the better man."

He concluded: "I am going to make a strong defense and strong offense against Crusher."



DOUG GILBERT
and DICK STEINBORN

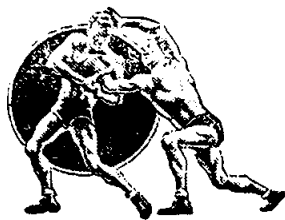
FLASH . . .

Gene Kiniski demands \$10,000 to face Crusher.

Tiny Mills and Bob Geigel on winning streak in Indianapolis area.

FLASH . . .

Hard Boiled Haggerty still nursing injuries received when assaulted by fans in Canada. May be back in action in 30 days.



"SPORTS FACTS"

Published by

Minneapolis Boxing & Wrestling Club

605 DYCKMAN HOTEL



MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA

Vol. 19, No. 20

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1963

25c PER COPY

High and Low Try for Title

Crusher Calls Vern Gagne Cheese Champ

The Crusher, center of the raging controversy over who is the champion, lashed out this past week at Verne Gagne and Wally Karbo.

"That bum Gagne was strictly a cheese champ when he had the belt, but now I have it and plan to show the fans something," roared the Crusher.

The fact is Crusher is NOT the champ. He only THINKS he is.

Wally Karbo, at a recent press conference, said "Verne Gagne is the champ. The belt the Crusher wears is only an imitation given to him by a Wisconsin wrestling promoter who wanted to gain The Crusher's services.

"He can claim he's the champ all he wants. I can't (although I have tried) stop him from that."

The Crusher claims that he took the championship from Gagne in their recent Death Match in St. Paul when Gagne suffered a dislocated shoulder after being thrown from the ring.

The rules of that particular match clearly stated that the championship could not change hands in a death match and after the battle Karbo announced to the various medias that Gagne was still champ.

When Gagne was asked for his stand on the subject he said: "Listen, what is that guy trying for. Of course I'm the champion. The only person who has held the belt in the past year has been Mr. M."

Gagne went on to say that it angers him to see the Crusher parade as champion.

"I worked hard for that belt," said the popular champion. "If I lose it fair and square that's another thing, but to have some fellow who hasn't even come close to the championship claim it for himself makes me a little hot under the collar."

The fans seem to be on Gagne's side and only a very few side with the wild man from Milwaukee.

"We Want the Title"



DOUG AND DICK: EYE TITLE TONIGHT

Two determined young men step into the ring tonight with one idea in mind—win the world's tag team championship.

The two are the very popular young combination of Doug Gilbert and Dick Steinborn—name which now mean speed and ability to wrestling fans the nation over.

Although they are truly confident of victory, they won't have an easy task.

Their opponents for the evening are the Kalmikoff boys—probably one of the roughest and meanest duals in the history of the sport.

Steinborn and Gilbert do have one thing on their side. They now have hundreds of reels of films showing the Kalmikoffs in action.

"This will turn the tide," says the pair who say they know all of the Russians' moves and are set to upend the pair who have never been beaten since coming into Minneapolis.

The Kalmikoffs, however, laugh it off. "Have you ever seen a kid playing with a new toy? Well that's how those two babies look with their little camera," observe the Russians.

"They think they have the secret for victory in those lousy films. Well they haven't. Victor only comes to the strong and we're the strongest in the business."

It will be the first match involving the two teams in quite a while in Minneapolis.

"That Karbo forced us into it screamed the Russians as they left the wrestling office after signing the contract for the match. Haven't those two learned the lesson yet?"

Talking to Steinborn and Gilbert one would think that the was no lesson to learn. "Even though we were defeated by the two, you could hardly call the tactics legal," said Gilbert.

"No," added Steinborn, "we were cheated in every man and always got the raw end of the deal."

Nevertheless it will have to Steinborn and Gilbert who must prove themselves.

So whether or not Mr. High Mr. Low will win will not be known until after the match, win or lose, the fans will be their side.

Sunday Card Set

Wrestling fans in the Twin City area are reminded of the coming matches in Minneapolis.

Professional wrestling will return to the Minneapolis Armory for a one-afternoon stand March 17. For all of you who are not Irish, that's St. Patrick's day.

It will be an afternoon match—the first in the history of Minneapolis—beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Promoter Wally Karbo said he believes it will be the best entertainment possible for a Sunday afternoon.

"I think the children will get a special kick out of it," said Karbo.

Karbo pointed out that the 17th will be an excellent opportunity for the younger set to see a live match.

The next match after that will be held in the Auditorium March 26, a regular Tuesday affair.

1963 -----

March 30	St. Paul, MN	w/Hercules Cortez vs Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	won-dq
April 7	St. Paul, MN	w/Doug Gilbert vs Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	lost
April 9	Minneapolis, MN	Rocky Hamilton	lost
April 19	Winnipeg, Canada	w/Doug Gilbert vs Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff	

Note: Dick wrestled in Atlanta, Georgia on April 19th, so it's likely that the match booked in Winnipeg never took place.

April 19	Atlanta, GA	w/Chief Little Eagle vs Lenny Montana and The Bat	won
April 27	Atlanta, GA	w/Chief Little Eagle vs Tarzan Tyler and Lenny Montana	won
		<i>International Tag Team Title*</i>	

Note: Dick Steinborn and Chief Little Eagle beat Tarzan Tyler and Lenny Montana in Atlanta, Georgia on April 27, 1963 to win the International Tag Team Title.

May 3	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Tarzan Tyler*	won
		<i>Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
May 7	Macon, GA	Tito Kopa	won
May 10	Atlanta, GA	Tarzan Tyler*	lost
		<i>Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
May 28	Tampa, FL	The Great Malenko	
May 31	Atlanta, GA (TV)	George Harris	won
June 4	Macon, GA	Tito Kopa	won
June 5	Columbus, GA	George Harris	won
June 6	Savannah, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs Len Montana and Tarzan Tyler	won-dq
June 7	Atlanta, GA	Tarzan Tyler	lost
June 10	Augusta, GA	Tito Kopa	won
June 14	Atlanta, GA	Tarzan Tyler	won
June 17	Augusta, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs Corsica Joe and Tarzan Tyler	won
June 18	Macon, GA	Tarzan Tyler	lost
June 21	Atlanta, GA	Tarzan Tyler	lost
		<i>Texas Death, Barbed Wire Match</i>	
June 24	Augusta, GA	Corsica Joe	lost
June 28	Atlanta, GA	Corsica Joe	won
August 20	Tampa, FL	w/Mike Paidousis vs Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka	lost
August 30	Miami Beach, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs The Assassins	won
September 3	Tampa, FL	Nelson Royal	draw
September 5	Jacksonville, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka	lost
September 6	Miami Beach, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs The Assassin	lost
September 10	Tampa, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs The Assassins	
October 11	Santa Rosa, CA	Robert Duranton	won
October 12	San Francisco, CA	Roy Collins	won

THE RINGSIDER

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



Vol. 18 No. 51

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1963

Price 15¢



DICKIE STEINBORN



CHIEF LITTLE EAGLE

Tarzan New World Champion

INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM
CHAMPIONSHIP
TITLE AND TROPHY AT
STAKE
HEADLINES BIG CARD TONIGHT

GUNKEL CLASHES WITH
NEWCOMER "CRY BABY" CANNON

Plus Girls and One Other Match



TARZAN TYLER
(Champion)

INTERNATIONAL
TAG TEAM
CHAMPS



BIG LENNY MONTANA

WRESTLING TICKET OFFICE

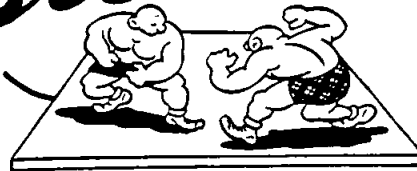
BUY YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT THE NEW TICKET OFFICE
WHICH IS NOW AT 75 HOUSTON ST. — JUST ACROSS FROM THE OLD OFFICE
THAT WAS AT 78 HOUSTON ST. — "DROP IN AND SEE THE WRESTLING PICTURES"
There will be a Special Price of 15¢ for 30 Minute Parking at AAA Parking Lot Next Door to Office

Tune in Channel 11 Every Saturday Afternoon — 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. for "Live Atlanta Wrestling"

SEE THE WORLD'S GREATEST WRESTLERS EVERY FRID

Sportscaster

TAMPA'S
Official SOUVENIR WRESTLING PROGRAM



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1963 — LUCKY NUMBER PROGRAM — 10c

SOUTHERN CHAMP ED GRAHAM, STEINBORN BATTLE UNDEFEATED ASSASSINS TONIGHT

By BOB FRICK

The Assassins are still undefeated as a team in Tampa competition this Summer.

They risk this perfect record in a battle against Southern champion Eddie Graham and Dick Steinborn in the main event of Promoter Cowboy Luttrall's five-match card tonight.

The past records indicate this will be one of the great team matches of the year. We can remember back when Graham and Steinborn won the United States team title from the Kangaroos Roy Heffernan and Al Costello, in Miami.

And at one time the Assassins held both the United States and World tag team titles. None of the wrestlers can afford to make a mistake in this match, because if they do so it will mean defeat.

Only the Great Malenko would risk spotting an opponent a foot in height and nearly 200 pounds in weight and predict an easy victory. The Russian is matched against Kentuckian Jake Smith tonight.

Luke Brown will have a similar advantage over Karl Kox and the wrestler from Kalamazoo says he will prove how he picked up the nickname of "Killer".

Lou Bastein will return to action in a match with Duke Keomuka while Joe Scarpello is matched against Lord Nelson Royal in prelims completing another all-star card from the 8:30 o'clock opener right on through the final event.

Just because our Vacation Special has ended is no reason why junior and senior high students

should not continue to enjoy wrestling. For another quarter, the student can buy a balcony seat for \$1.00.

Prices now are \$2.50 and \$2.00 ringside; \$1.50 general admission; \$1.00 balcony, and 50 cents for those under 12 in the general admission or balcony sections.

Tickets continue on sale in advance at the Sportatorium, 10 North Albany, phone 253-0643, and the Thomas Jefferson Hotel Cigar Stand, phone 229-5571.

For permanent reservations you now must contact the Wrestling Office - either stop by or phone 253-0643.



DICK STEINBORN



EDDIE GRAHAM

THE ASSASSINS



**TV WRESTLING
ON CHANNEL 13
IS NOW SHOWN
FRIDAY NIGHT
12:30 — 1:30**

LUCKY NUMBER

No 630

1963 -----

October 23	San Jose, CA	Robert Durant	won
November 4	Reno, NV	Roy Collins	won
November 7	Stockton, CA	Charlie Kalani (Toru Tanaka)	won
November 9	San Francisco, CA	The Spoiler	won
November 13	Marysville, CA	Pepper Martin	won
November 20	Sacramento, CA	Pamperpo Firpo	won
December 4	Sacramento, CA	Roy Collins	won
December 7	San Francisco, CA	Pampero Firpo	won
December 12	Stockton, CA	Pampero Firpo	won
December 26	Sacramento, CA	Stan Neilson	won
December 28	San Francisco, CA	Andre Drapp	won

1964 -----

January 1	San Jose, CA	Charlie Kalani	won
January 4	Ukiah, CA	w/Red Bastien vs Jack and Jim Dalton	lost
January 8	Sacramento, CA	Ray Stevens	won
January 16	Stockton, CA	The Spoiler	won
January 25	San Francisco, CA	Charlie Kalani	won
February 1	Ukiah, CA	Ray Stevens	lost
February 5	Sacramento, CA	Dom DeNucci	draw
February 19	Sacramento, CA	Buddy Austin	won
February 29	San Francisco, CA	w/Red Bastien vs Buddy Austin and Fritz von Goering	won
March 4	Sacramento, CA	Jim Dalton	won
March 11	San Jose, CA	w/Mark Lewin vs Buddy Austin and Jack Long	won
March 18	Sacramento, CA	Ray Stevens	lost
March 25	Stockton, CA	Jack Long	won
March 26	San Jose, CA	w/Mark Lewin vs Jack and Jim Dalton	won
March 30	Reno, NV	Mark Lewin	draw
April 4	San Francisco, CA	w/Jose Lothario vs Roy Heffernan and Al Costello	lost
April 14	Santa Rosa, CA	Ed Miller	won
April 15	Sacramento, CA	Ray Stevens	lost
April 25	San Francisco, CA	w/Red Bastien vs Kinji Shibuya and Karl von Brock (Rock Hunter)	lost
April 27	Richmond, CA	Kinji Shibuya	lost
April 28	Santa Rosa, CA	Rocky Montero	won
May 6	San Jose, CA	w/Dom DeNucci vs Ray Stevens and Karl von Brock	nc
May 7	Stockton, CA	w/Mark Lewin vs Buddy Austin and Rocky Montero	won
May 11	Reno, NV	Karl von Brock	won
May 16	San Francisco, CA	w/Dom DeNucci vs Kinji Shibuya and Karl von Brock	lost
May 19	Santa Rosa, CA	w/Dom DeNucci vs Buddy Austin and Karl von Brock	won
May 20	San Jose, CA	Ray Stevens	lost
May 21	Stockton, CA	Ray Stevens	nc
May 25	Sacramento, CA	Buddy Austin	won
June 3	San Jose, CA	Rocky Montero	won

1964 -----

June 4	Stockton, CA	Ray Stevens	lost
June 6	San Francisco, CA	w/Maurice LaPointe vs Kinji Shibuya and Karl von Brock	lost
June 12	Modesto, CA	Rocky Montero	won
June 23	Stockton, CA	Charlie Kalani	won
June 27	San Francisco, CA	Maurice LaPointe	won
July 10	Oakland, CA	w/Maurice LaPointe vs Kinji Shibuya and Karl von Brock	lost
July 15	San Jose, CA	w/Dom DeNucci vs Kinji Shibuya and Karl von Brock	lost
July 22	Sacramento, CA	w/Ed Carpentier vs Stan Neilson and Rocky Montero	won
August 4	Stockton, CA	w/Ken Hollis vs Stan Neilson and Karl von Brock	lost
August 5	Sacramento, CA	w/Jose Lothario vs Kinji Shibuya and Karl von Brock	lost
August 10	Richmond, CA	w/Maurice LaPointe vs Stan Neilson and Karl von Brock	lost
August 12	San Jose, CA	w/Pepper Gomez vs Kinji Shibuya and Karl von Brock	lost
August 15	San Francisco, CA	Johnny Valentine	lost
August 18	Stockton, CA	Ray Stevens	lost
August 27	San Jose, CA	Kinji Shibuya	lost
August 28	Oakland, CA (TV)	Pat O'Connor	lost
September 1	El Paso, TX	Enrique Torres	lost
September 4	Houston, TX	Jerry Miller	won
September 7	Fort Worth, TX	Jerry Miller	won
September 8	Dallas, TX	Ron Reed (Buddy Colt)	won
September 9	San Antonio, TX	Danny McShane	won
September 10	Austin, TX	Arnold Steele w/Alberto and Ramon Torres vs Louie Tillet, Jerry Miller and Arnold Steele	won
September 11	Houston, TX	The Clawman (Ike Eakins)	won
September 14	Fort Worth, TX	Killer Karl Kox	won-dq
September 15	Dallas, TX	Tony Borne	draw
September 16	San Antonio, TX	Jerry Miller	
September 17	Austin, TX	Rocco Lambam	won
September 18	Houston, TX	Louie Tillet	won
September 21	Fort Worth, TX	Duke Keomuka	draw
September 22	Dallas, TX	Tony Borne	lost
September 23	San Antonio, TX	Arnold Steele	
September 24	Austin, TX	Killer Karl Kox	won
September 25	Houston, TX	The Clawman Battle Royal	won
September 28	Fort Worth, TX	Killer Karl Kox	lost
September 29	Dallas, TX	<i>Winner gets match with Fritz von Erich</i> w/Little Boy Blue and Chico Santana vs Tony Borne and Leo Newman	lost
September 30	San Antonio, TX	Tony Borne	
October 1	Austin, TX	Alberto Torres	won
October 2	Houston, TX	Duke Keomuka	won
October 5	Fort Worth, TX	Ramon Torres	draw
October 6	Dallas, TX	Tony Borne	won
October 9	Houston, TX	Tony Borne	won

★ SAM HOUSTON COLISEUM ★ ★ Wrestling Program ★

MORRIS P. SIGEL, Promoter

MRS. SHIRLEY CARRIGER, Assistant Promoter

No. 976 — FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1964 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA 2-2388-89 — PRICE 20 CENTS

Trouble! STARTS WITH "T" RHYMES WITH "B" THAT STANDS FOR BORNE!



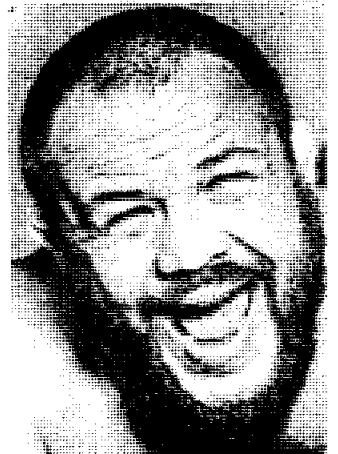
LEO THE LIP

Even the ancient wise men knew that troubles never come singly. They have a way of multiplying and doubling that makes the population explosion seem like a miscount. The same is true in the case of wrestling's prime trouble makers, Tony Borne and his manager Leo the Lion Newman. One of them would be enough trouble for any state, but two of them could only call for the largest (iceless) state of them all!

Newman has been bombarding promoter Morris Sigel with letters, phone calls and wires for the past 6 weeks. Every mail brings a new demand, a new glittering bit of publicity for his Golden Boy... such as this gem conceived by the greatest master mind in the mat game:

"From where I presently sit I see nothing but blue Texas skies and rainbows in every direction — for Tony and Me. The weather outlook for our opponents is wet and rainy-dark and gloomy — and its all coming from where we are. My priceless, invaluable advice is to get a good umbrella and a suit of armor Borne-proof if possible. The Twin Tornadoes are on the way."

More than that, they are here!



TOUGH TONY

DICK STEINBORN RETURNS WITH A TEXAS TITLE CHALLENGE!



STEINBORN

Dick Steinborn, one of the brightest young stars in the mat game, returns from a long sojourn across the nation with a determination to bid for the Texas state heavyweight title that he owned the last trip he made to Texas.

The title and the belt are somewhere on the West Coast, the proud possession of Pepper Gomez who took them away from Tokyo Tom here in the Coliseum some months ago. Dick thinks the belt belongs right here for the utmost in competition and he issues a challenge to Pepper to face him with the title at stake.

"I think it is a shame that the title has not been up for grabs for men here in Texas and I want to correct it," said Dick with modesty. "I think I can whip Pepper Gomez and then I guarantee that I will give every man who deserves it a chance to take the belt away from me."

And Dick is the kind of a man who means every word he says!

Steinborn comes from a background that is made of pure athletic competition. His Father is still revered in strong man circles for the amazing records he set... and one of them still stands. Milo Steinborn picked 531 pounds up off the floor, placed it on his back and did deep knee bends with it! No one else has come close!



MARVIN JONES, veteran referee, is back in harness again and his many fans and friends who have been inquiring about him will be glad to know that he will again do some refereeing here in the very near future.. Marvin won his battle over a heart attack in the same rugged manner he does his refereeing chore.



**NEXT FRIDAY'S ACTION
WILL BE HERE AT
THE COLISEUM**

**A GREAT DOUBLE MAIN
EVENT CARD! A PAIR OF
2-3 FALL MATCHES!**

**WRESTLING RETURNS TO
DOWNTOWN REC. CENTER
FRIDAY, SEPT. 18th**

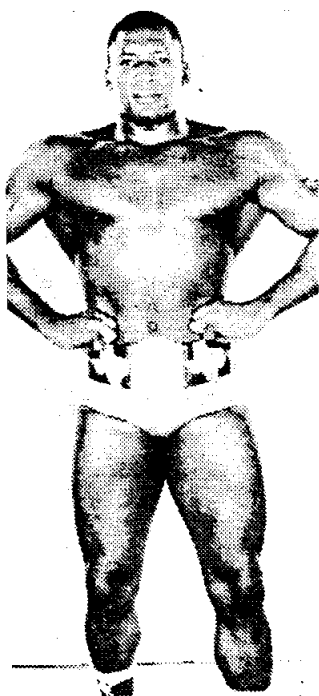
★ **SAM HOUSTON COLISEUM** ★ ★ **Wrestling Program** ★

MORRIS P. SIGEL, Promoter

MRS. SHIRLEY CARRIGER, Assistant Promoter

NO. 983 — SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1964 — HOUSTON, TEXAS — PHONES CA 2-2388-89 — PRICE 20 CENTS

FRIDAY Wrestling Returns to Friday Next Week at Coliseum!!



GREAT TAG TEAM BATTLE DUE TO HEADLINE A TERRIFIC CARD

DORY DIXON
and
DICK STEINBORN

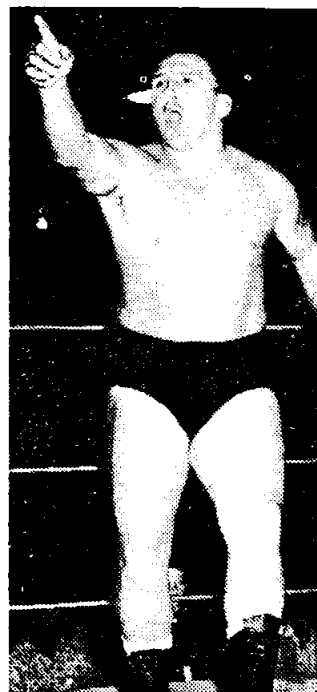
KILLER KOX
and
THE WRECKER

Wrestling returns to its usual Friday night time right here at the Coliseum next week and promoter Morris Sigel has already signed a sparkling tag team main event that should hand fans twice as much action as usual since there are twice as many people involved!

Dory Dixon, whose return here tonight promises to show him in the great form he reached during his last trip to this country, will join with popular, capable and colorful Dick Steinborn. They will go in against the toughest kind of opposition when they met Killer Karl Kox and The Wrecker over the 2-3 fall route.

The men will be no strangers to each other. Dixon will get to know every move Kox makes before his match with the Killer is over tonight and Steinborn's wild brawl with the Wrecker last week is down in the books as one of the most exciting and unique scraps we have ever seen!

— These four, a great quartet, headline a tremendous card.
— Don't miss it!



Steinborn Leaves His Wife Home!

While Dick Steinborn was as proud of his wife as a man could be last week, even though it cost him his match with the Wrecker, he is taking no chances tonight and has left the beautiful young lady home tonight! As Dick put it: "I was sorry to see her so distraught but I appreciate the fact that she cares enough about me to fight like a tiger for me. I am proud of her and I offer no apologies and I will not even say I am sorry I lost the match because of her interference. I will just say to any man who asks about it that he is lucky if his wife cares that much about him."

TICKET SALES START TUESDAY

707 TEXAS AVE

CA 2-2727



1964 -----

October 12	Fort Worth, TX	The Wrecker (Frank Shields)	won
October 13	Dallas, TX	w/Duke Keomuka vs Tony Borne and The Wrecker	won
October 14	San Antonio, TX	Rocco Lambam	
October 15	Austin, TX	Lou Thesz	lost
October 16	Houston, TX	The Wrecker	lost-dq
October 19	Fort Worth, TX	Lou Thesz	nc
<i>NWA World Heavyweight Title Match</i>			
October 20	Dallas, TX	Killer Karl Kox	lost-utc
October 21	San Antonio, TX	Tony Borne	won
October 22	Austin, TX	The Wrecker	won
October 23	Lake Charles, LA	The Clawman	
w/Ramon and Alberto Torres vs			
The Clawman, Killer Karl Kox, Tony Borne and Leo Newman			
			lost
October 24	Houston, TX	Stu Gibson	won
October 26	Fort Worth, TX	Stu Gibson	won
October 27	Dallas, TX	Jerry Miller	won
w/Duke Keomuka vs			
Tony Borne and The Wrecker			
			draw
October 28	San Antonio, TX	w/Ramon and Alberto Torres vs	
The Clawman, Tony Borne and Leo Newman			
			won
October 29	Austin, TX	Fritz von Erich	lost
October 30	Houston, TX	w/Dory Dixon vs	
Killer Karl Kox and The Wrecker			
			lost
November 2	Fort Worth, TX	Killer Karl Kox	won-dq
November 3	Dallas, TX	Enrique Torres	won
November 4	San Antonio, TX	Leo Newman	lost
November 5	Austin, TX	w/Dory Dixon vs	
Tony Borne and The Wrecker			
November 6	Houston, TX	w/Mike Harmon (aka Arman Hussian) vs	
Duke Keomuka and Oki Kintaro			
			won
November 9	Fort Worth, TX	The Clawman	won-dq
November 10	Dallas, TX	w/Dory Dixon vs	
Tony Borne and The Wrecker			
			draw
November 11	San Antonio, TX	Tony Borne	
November 13	Houston, TX	Luis Hernandez	won
November 16	Fort Worth, TX	Jerry Kozak	draw
November 17	Dallas, TX	Fred Curry	draw
November 18	San Antonio, TX	Leo Newman	
November 23	Fort Worth, TX	The Clawman	won
<i>Loser Leave Town - Mask at Stake</i>			
<i>No Time Limit or Disqualification</i>			
November 24	Dallas, TX	Oki Kintaro	won
November 25	San Antonio, TX	Killer Karl Kox	lost
November 27	Houston, TX	Jerry Kozak	draw
November 28	Lake Charles, LA	Bennie Matta	
w/Ramon Torres and Fred Curry vs			
Stu Gibson, Oki Kintaro and Bennie Matta			
November 30	Fort Worth, TX	Jim Grabmire	won
December 1	Dallas, TX	Bobby O'Brien	won
w/Dory Dixon, Ramon Torres and John Paul Henning vs			
Bobby O'Brien, Tony Borne, The Wrecker and Rocco Lambam			
December 2	San Antonio, TX	Jerry Kozak	lost
December 3	Waco, TX	Ciclon Negro	draw

1964 -----

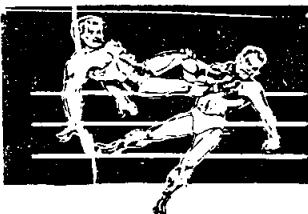
December 4	Houston, TX	w/Dory Dixon and Bull Curry vs Tony Borne, The Wrecker and Louie Tillet	
December 5	Lake Charles, LA	The Wrecker	
December 7	Fort Worth, TX	The Wrecker	draw
		w/Bull Curry and Jerry Kozak vs Tony Borne, The Wrecker and Louie Tillet	won
December 8	Dallas, TX	The Wrecker	lost
December 9	San Antonio, TX	Al Lovelock (Great Bolo)	won
December 10	Waco, TX	Ciclon Negro	
December 11	Houston, TX	Louie Tillet	draw
December 12	Lake Charles, LA	Louie Tillet	
December 14	Fort Worth, TX	The Wrecker	draw
December 15	Dallas, TX	John Paul Henning	draw
December 16	San Antonio, TX	w/Ramon Torres vs Killer Karl Kox and The Wrecker	lost
December 17	Waco, TX	Ciclon Negro	
		w/Dory Dixon vs Ciclon Negro and The Wrecker	
December 18	Houston, TX	w/Jerry Kozak vs Tony Borne and The Wrecker	
December 25	Atlanta, GA	Mario Galento*	lost
		<i>Georgia Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
December 29	Tampa, FL	w/Lou Bastien (Lou Klein) vs The Assassins	won

1965 -----

January 1	St. Petersburg, FL	Bob Orton	won-dq
January 2	Tampa, FL (TV)	Corsica Jean	won-dq
January 2	Lakeland, FL	w/Lou Bastien vs Corsica Joe and Jean	lost
January 5	Tampa, FL	w/Lou Bastien vs The Assassins	lost
January 11	Orlando, FL	Tarzan Tyler	
January 12	Tampa, FL	w/Yukon Eric vs The Assassins	won-cor
January 14	Jacksonville, FL	Fred Blassie	draw
January 16	Tampa, FL (TV)	w/Rito Carreon vs The Assassins	lost
January 18	Orlando, FL	w/Chief Little Eagle vs The Assassins	won
January 19	Tampa, FL	w/Haystack Calhoun vs Fred Blassie and Tarzan Tyler	won-dq

Note: Haystack took the place of Yukon Eric, who was found dead over the weekend. The body of the 41-year-old wrestler was found in a car parked in a church driveway off of U.S. 41 in Cartersville, Georgia. Sheriff James Wheeler said that the wrestler, whose real name was Eric Holmback, had been shot in the mouth with a 22-caliber pistol. Coroner Arthur Shinall listed the death as a suicide.

January 22	St. Petersburg, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs The Assassins	lost
January 26	Tampa, FL	Tarzan Tyler	won-dq
		<i>Southern Title Match</i>	
January 28	Jacksonville, FL	w/Danny Miller vs The Assassins	lost



The WRESTLER

VOL. 20, NO. 43

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

October 23, 1964

10^c

SIX-MAN TAG MATCH HEADS CARD TONIGHT

TORRES BROTHERS AND STEINBORN TACKLE VILLAINS

The good guys take on the bad ones in the six-man tag match that is the main event on tonight's program here at the Wrestlethon.

Maybe some meaner cusses could be found than Tony Borne, his manager Leo Newman and the "Claw Man", but it would take a lot of searching.

Their opponents will be the Torres brothers, Ramon and Alberto, and Dickie Steinborn.

The match will be two falls out of three with a time limit of one hour and anything can happen in that hour and probably will—principally because "Leo the Lion" Newman will be in or around the ring at all times. That spells trouble at any time, for Leo could be a pain in the neck even in church.

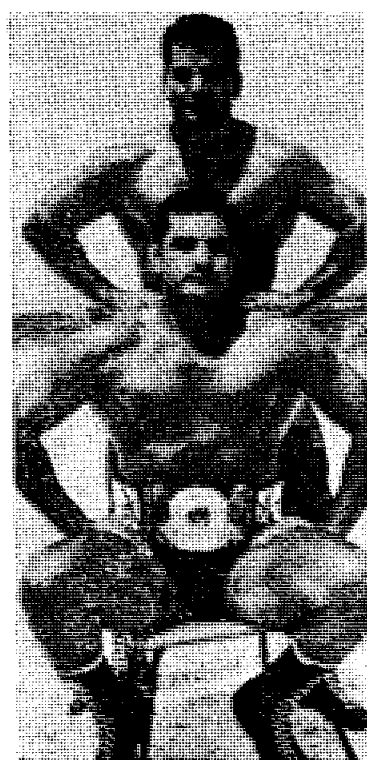
This will be one of his rare appearances as a wrestler, for his mat career was all but ended a couple of years back when he was in an automobile wreck that almost cost him his life. The doctors succeeded in saving his life and patching him up but they said he would never wrestle again.



DICK STEINBORN . . . He gets another shot at Tony Borne and Leo Newman in the main event here tonight—with help from the Torres boys.

But Leo is stubborn at times and he does get in the ring on rare occasions—usually in team matches such as this one here tonight when his tiger, Borne, is part of team. Some will say that Newman is more help to Tough Tony outside the ring doing his managing and signal-calling, for he can do a lot of damage from there, but that remains to be seen.

Borne and Newman have clashed before with Steinborn and the Torres, so this could be a wild match from start to finish.



TERRIFIC TORRES . . . These hot-shot brothers are partners with Dick Steinborn tonight in a tag team match against Tony Borne, Leo Newman and the "Claw Man". The action should be wild at all times.



makes the *most*
of nature's *best*



SPORTS CASSETTE

TAMPA'S
Official

SOUVENIR
Wrestling Program

WRESTLING: KING OF SPORTS — TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1965 — 10c

Blassie & Tyler Team To Tackle Steinborn & Yukon Eric

Danny Miller Takes On The Big O



DICK STEINBORN

Last week, the newly formed tag team of Yukon Eric and Dick Steinborn were very successful in stopping the winning streak of the masked Assassins. Dick and his big buddy from Alaska make a startlingly effective combination; Steinborn is one of the fastest heavyweights in wrestling, whereas Yukon Eric is virtually without equal in the area of brute strength. Everyone seems to have the highest regard for this new tag team — everyone, that is, except Fred Blassie and Tarzan Tyler, the men who will face Eric and Dick in tonight's main event.

"Just because those jerks beat those two pencil-necks with the masks, everybody suddenly gets the idea that they're unbeatable," commented Freddie Blassie. "Steinborn is a punk kid and this abominable snowman from Alaska



FRED BLASSIE

is as uncoordinated as a baby elephant," Blassie continued. "and yet these stupid southern people still think that their heroes will have a chance against the great Tarzan Tyler and the greatest of them all, me—Freddie Blassie!"

"Yeah," agreed Tyler, "instead of meat-heads like these, suppose we wrestle somebody like this Bob Orton character and his Jap buddy who incidentally ain't around here any more!"

Both Dick Steinborn and Yukon Eric had a few comments of their own to make on the subject; Steinborn told us, "Maybe you noticed what Eddie Graham did to 'the great' Freddie Blassie a couple of weeks ago? He and his buddy are in for more of the same tonight!"

"And if Tyler is so invincible," added Yukon Eric, "how come he (See Team on Page 2)



YUKON ERIC

LUCKY NUMBER

No 271

1965 -----

February 1	Tampa, FL	w/Bob Orton vs Fred Blassie and Tarzan Tyler	lost
February 5	Atlanta, GA	Buddy Fuller	lost
February 8	Orlando, FL	Tarzan Tyler	draw
February 11	Jacksonville, FL	Chief Little Eagle	draw
February 12	Miami Beach, FL	w/Tito Carreon vs Paul DeGalle and Pedro Zapada	won
February 16	Tampa, FL	Danny Miller	lost
February 22	Orlando, FL	Sam Steamboat	draw
February 26	Atlanta, GA	w/Tony Marino vs The Masked Medics	lost
March 1	Orlando, FL	Sam Steamboat	draw
March 2	Fort Myers, FL	w/Tito Carreon vs Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka	lost
March 9	Tampa, FL	Duke Keomuka	draw
March 12	St. Petersburg, FL	Bill Dromo	draw
March 13	Tampa, FL (TV)	Tom Bradley	won
March 16	Tampa, FL	Bob Orton	lost
March 19	St. Petersburg, FL	Bill Dromo	
March 20	Tampa, FL (TV)	The Wrecker	draw
March 22	Jacksonville, FL	Bob Orton	draw
March 23	Tampa, FL	Duke Keomuka	won
March 26**	Atlanta, GA	Les Welch	won
		w/Sam Steamboat and Eddie Graham vs Buddy Fuller, Lester Welch and Red Roberts	lost
		<i>Georgia vs Florida</i>	
March 26**	St. Petersburg, FL	The Wrecker	
March 27	Tampa, FL (TV)	Ron Wright	
March 29	Orlando, FL	w/Dan Miller vs Bill Dromo and Bob Orton	lost
March 30	Tampa, FL	w/George Drake vs The Assassins	won-dq
April 1	Jacksonville, FL	The Wrecker	won-dq
April 3	Tampa, FL (TV)	w/Eddie Graham and Sam Steamboat vs The Assassins and The Wrecker	lost
April 5	Jacksonville, FL	The Great Malenko	lost
April 5	Orlando, FL	w/Dan Miller vs Bob Orton and Bill Dromo	draw
April 10	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Frankie Cain vs Corsica Joe and Jean	lost
April 10	Atlanta, GA	w/Jerry Miller vs Corsica Joe and Jean	lost
April 12	West Palm Beach, FL	w/Danny Miller vs Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka	
April 13	Tampa, FL	w/Haystack Calhoun and Sam Steamboat vs The Assassins and The Avenger	lost
April 15	Jacksonville, FL	The Great Malenko	lost
April 19	Orlando, FL	w/Dan Miller vs The Assassins	
April 20	Tampa, FL	w/Luke Brown and Jake Smith vs The Assassins and The Avenger	lost
April 23	Miami Beach, FL	Johnny Kace	won
April 24	Tampa, FL (TV)	w/Dan Miller vs The Wrecker and Louie Tillet	won

1965 -----

April 26	Jacksonville, FL	The Great Malenko	
April 27	Tampa, FL	w/George Drake vs	
		The Great Malenko and The Wrecker	lost
April 30	Miami Beach, FL	The Great Malenko	won-dq
May 1	Tampa, FL (TV)	Johnny Kace	won
May 3	Orlando, FL	w/Eddie Graham and Sam Steamboat vs	
		The Assassins and The Avenger	won
		<i>(The Avenger was Lee Henning)</i>	
May 4	Tampa, FL	The Great Malenko	lost
May 6	Jacksonville, FL	w/Danny Miller vs	
		George Cannon and George Harris	won
May 7	Atlanta, GA	Chief Little Eagle	won
		w/Eddie Graham and Sam Steamboat vs	
		Ray Gunkel, Greg Peterson and Chief Little Eagle	won
		<i>Georgia vs Florida</i>	
May 10	West Palm Beach, FL	w/Danny Miller vs	
		Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka	
May 11	Tampa, FL	Hiro Matsuda	lost
May 13	Jacksonville, FL	w/Danny Miller vs	
		The Wrecker and George Harris	won
May 15	Tampa, FL (TV)	Tarzan Tyler	lost
May 17	Orlando, FL	w/Danny Miller vs	
		Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka	lost
May 18	Tampa, FL	w/Danny Miller vs	
		The Avenger (Francisco Flores) and The Wrecker	won
May 20	Jacksonville, FL	w/Danny Miller vs	
		Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka	lost
May 27	Atlanta, GA	w/Eddie Graham and Sam Steamboat vs	
		Greg Peterson, Ray Gunkel and Chief Little Eagle	won
May 27	Atlanta, GA	Chief Little Eagle	won
June 5	Sydney, Australia	Tim Woods	won
June 12	Sydney, Australia	Len Montana	won
June 19	Sydney, Australia	Johnny Boyd	won
June 26	Sydney, Australia	w/Dom DeNucci vs	
		Mitsu Arakawa and Killer Kowalski	won
July 3	Sydney, Australia	Killer Kowalski	won
July 10	Sydney, Australia	Killer Kowalski	lost
July 17	Sydney, Australia	Buddy Austin	draw
July 24	Sydney, Australia	w/Spiros Arion and John Kostas vs	
		Bob the Bruiser (Baker),	
		Mitsu Arakawa and Killer Kowalski	won
July 31	Sydney, Australia	w/Red Bastien vs	
		The Alaskan (Jay York) and Cyclone Negro	draw
August 7	Sydney, Australia	Roy Heffernan	lost
August 14	Sydney, Australia	w/Red Bastien vs	
		The Alaskan and Cyclone Negro	lost
August 18	Honolulu, HI	Hard Boiled Haggerty	lost
August 20	Atlanta, GA	Mario Galento	won-dq
August 21	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Jack Vansky	won
August 21	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Nick Kozak vs	
		Jack Vansky and Ray Mulkey	won
August 25	Columbus, GA (TV)	Bob Boyer	lost

1965 -----

August 27	Atlanta, GA	w/Nick Kozak vs Bad Boy Hines and Billy Hines won <i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>
-----------	-------------	--

Note: *Dick Steinborn and Nick Kozak beat Bad Boy and Billy Hines in Atlanta, Georgia on August 27, 1965 to win the Southern Tag Team Title.*

August 28	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Nick Kozak vs Corsica Jean and Ray Mulkey won
September 17	Atlanta, GA	w/Bob Boyer and Chief Little Eagle vs Dutch Savage, Dale Lewis and Pepe Gomez won
September 20	Tampa, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs The Infernos (Frankie Cain - Rocky Smith) w/mgr. J.C. Dykes lost
September 24	Atlanta, GA	w/Nick Kozak vs Dutch Savage and Dale Lewis lost
October 1	Atlanta, GA	Bob Boyer won
October 8	Atlanta, GA	w/Nick Kozak* vs Dutch Savage and Dale Lewis won <i>Southern Tag Team Title Match</i>
October 15	Atlanta, GA	w/Chief Little Eagle and Benny Matta vs Dutch Savage, Dale Lewis and Johnny Heideman lost
October 22	Atlanta, GA	Mario Galento lost
October 29	Atlanta, GA	Roger Kirby won
October 30	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Nick Kozak vs Dutch Savage and Mario Galento lost
November 5	Atlanta, GA	w/Ken Hollis vs Mario Galento and Dutch Savage lost
November 12	Atlanta, GA	Mike Paidousis won
November 16	Savannah, GA	w/Ken Hollis vs Kurt and Karl von Brauner
November 19	Atlanta, GA	w/Greg Peterson vs Kurt and Karl von Brauner lost
November 22	Orlando, FL	Tony Nero won
November 23	Tampa, FL	w/Don Curtis and Sam Steamboat vs Tony Nero, Kurt von Stroheim and Skull von Stroheim won
November 24	Jacksonville, FL	w/Hiro Matsuda (sub for Eddie Graham) vs Kurt and Skull von Stroheim won <i>NWA World Tag Team Title Match</i>

Note: *Dick Steinborn and Hiro Matsuda beat Kurt and Skull von Stroheim in Jacksonville, Florida on November 24, 1965 to win the N.W.A. World Tag Team Title.*

November 26	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Rocky Hamilton draw
November 29	Orlando, FL	Lou Thesz won
November 30	Tampa, FL	Danny Miller
December 1	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Gene Baxter
December 2	Jacksonville, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Duke Keomuka and Hiro Matsuda lost
December 4	Tampa, FL (TV)	w/Jerry London vs Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka lost
December 4	Lakeland, FL	w/Klondike Bill vs Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka won
December 6	Orlando, FL	Rocky Hamilton won

1965 -----

December 9	Jacksonville, FL	Hiro Matsuda won
		<i>N.W.A. World Tag Team Title Match</i>

Note: *Dick Steinborn beat Hiro Matsuda in Jacksonville, Florida on December 9, 1965 to win sole possession of the N.W.A. World Tag Team Title.*

December 12	Newbern, NC (TV)	w/Eddie Graham vs Kurt and Skull von Stroheim won
December 14	Tampa, FL	Red Roberts won
December 16	Jacksonville, FL	w/Don Curtis and Danny Miller vs Johnny Powers, Skull von Stroheim and Roger Kirby won
December 17	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	w/Klondike Bill vs Kurt and Skull von Stroheim won
December 18	Newbern, NC (TV)	w/Jerry London vs Duke Keomuka and Hiro Matsuda lost
December 20	Orlando, FL	Bob Orton lost
December 21	Tampa, FL	Roger Kirby draw

Note: *Dick Steinborn leaves the Florida territory while still holding the N.W.A. World Tag Team Title.*

1966 -----

January 1	Newbern, NC (TV)	Red Roberts won
April 22	Atlanta, GA	Jack Vansky won
April 29	Atlanta, GA	Chief Crazy Horse draw
May 4	Columbus, GA	w/Bobby Shane vs The Medics won-dq
		w/Bobby Shane vs The Infernos lost
May 5	Jacksonville, FL	Rocky Hamilton won-dq
May 7	Tampa, FL (TV)	Tony Nero won
May 7	Ocala, FL	w/Bob Orton vs The Medics
May 9	Orlando, FL	w/Jesse James vs The Medics won
May 10	Tampa, FL	w/George Drake vs The Medics lost
May 12	Jacksonville, FL	w/Klondike Bill vs The Medics
May 14	Tampa, FL (TV)	w/Lester Welch vs Tarzan Tyler and Sputnik Monroe
May 16	Orlando, FL	Hiro Matsuda
		w/Jose Lothario vs The Medics won
May 19	Jacksonville, FL	w/Klondike Bill vs The Medics
May 27	Atlanta, GA	Tony Nero won
May 28	Marietta, GA	w/Bobby Shane vs The Medics won-dq
May 31	Savannah, GA	Louie Tillet draw
June 3	Atlanta, GA	w/Bobby Shane vs The Infernos w/mgr. J.C. Dykes lost
June 9	Jacksonville, FL	Pancho Rosario won
June 10	Atlanta, GA	Chief Crazy Horse won

1966 -----

June 11	Jacksonville, FL	Pancho Rosario	
June 17	Atlanta, GA	w/Bobby Shane vs Pancho Rosario and Ken Yates	won
June 18	Savannah, GA (TV)	Pancho Rosario	won
June 24	Atlanta, GA	w/Bobby Shane vs The Infernos	won-dq
July 1	Atlanta, GA	w/Bobby Shane vs The Infernos*	lost
July 8	Atlanta, GA	<i>World Tag Team Title Match</i> Baby Blimp (George Harris)	won
July 9	Savannah, GA (TV)	Rube Wright	won
July 15	Atlanta, GA	w/Mario Galento vs Pancho Rosario and Wildman Wehba (Scandor Akbar)	won
July 19	Savannah, GA	George Harris	won
July 21	Jacksonville, FL	w/Eddie Graham vs Kurt and Skull von Stroheim	won
July 29	Dothan, AL	Chief Little Eagle	
August 12	Atlanta, GA	Kenny Mack	won
August 19	Atlanta, GA	w/Mario Galento vs Baby Blimp (George Harris) and The Golden Terror	won
August 25	Jacksonville, FL	w/Silento Rodriguez vs Kurt and Skull von Stroheim	lost
August 26	Atlanta, GA	The Butcher (Vachon)	lost
August 30	Macon, GA	w/Greg Peterson vs Paul Vachon and Clyde Steeves	
August 30	Tampa, FL	w/Eddie Graham and Jose Lothario vs The Mummy, Kurt von Stroheim and Skull von Stroheim	won
September 2	Atlanta, GA	Louie Tillet	lost
September 6	Tampa, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs Sputnik Monroe and Don McClarty	won
September 8	Jacksonville, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs The Infernos	lost
September 9	Tallahassee, FL	The Mummy	
September 10	Tampa, FL (TV)	Hiro Matsuda	draw
September 13	Tampa, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs Kurt and Skull von Stroheim	won
September 15	Jacksonville, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs Kurt and Skull von Stroheim	won
September 16	Tallahassee, FL	w/Jose Lothario vs Kurt and Skull von Stroheim	
September 19	Orlando, FL	w/Jose Lothario vs Sputnik Monroe and Don McClarity	lost
September 20	Tampa, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs The Infernos	lost
September 23	Tallahassee, FL	w/Lou Thesz vs Karl and Skull von Stroheim	won
September 24	Tampa, FL (TV)	Jack Bence	won
September 24	Newbern, NC (TV)	Hiro Matsuda	draw
September 27	Tampa, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs The Infernos	lost
September 29	Jacksonville, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs Karl and Skull von Stroheim	lost
September 30	Fort Lauderdale, NC	Hiro Matsuda	

1966 -----

October 1	Newbern, NC (TV)	w/Sam Steamboat vs The Mummy and Pedro Amessa	won
October 3	Orlando, FL	w/Jose Lothario vs The Infernos	lost
October 4	Tampa, FL	Hiro Matsuda	draw
October 6	Jacksonville, FL	Hiro Matsuda	draw
October 8	Tampa, FL (TV)	w/Silento Rodriguez vs The Infernos	lost
October 8	Newbern, NC (TV)	Jack Bence	won
October 8	Lakeland, FL	w/Duke Keomuka vs The Infernos	lost-dq
October 10	Orlando, FL	w/Jose Lothario vs The Infernos	draw
October 11	Tampa, FL	Don McClarty	won
October 14	Jacksonville, FL	w/The Amazing Zuma vs Karl and Skull von Stroheim	won
October 15	Tampa, FL (TV)	w/Silento Rodriguez vs The Infernos	lost
October 15	Lakeland, FL	w/Duke Keomuka vs The Infernos	lost
October 17	Orlando, FL	w/Jose Lothario vs The Infernos w/mgr. J.C. Dykes	
		<i>No Disqualification</i>	
October 18	Tampa, FL	Sputnik Monroe	lost
October 22	Tampa, FL (TV)	w/Silento Rodriguez vs Sputnik and Rocket Monroe (Bill Fletcher)	lost
October 22	Lakeland, FL	Duke Keomuka	won
November 1	Odessa, TX	Jerry London	draw
November 15	Odessa, TX	Batman	
November 16	Lubbock, TX	w/Waldo von Erich vs Terry and Dory Funk Jr.	
November 22	Odessa, TX	Dory Funk Jr.	lost
November 23	Lubbock, TX	Dan Miller	
November 30	Lubbock, TX	Mike DiBiase	won
December 7	Lubbock, TX	Dory Funk Sr.	won
December 14	Lubbock, TX	Ricky Romero	won
December 20	Odessa, TX	Wahoo McDaniel	won

1967 -----

January 4	Lubbock, TX	Wahoo McDaniel	
January 11	Lubbock, TX	Wahoo McDaniel	won
January 17	Odessa, TX	Pat O'Connor	lost
January 18	Lubbock, TX	Art Neilson	
January 24	Odessa, TX	Pat O'Connor	
January 25	Lubbock, TX	Dory Funk Sr.	won
January 31	Odessa, TX	Terry Funk	
February 1	Lubbock, TX	Dan Miller	won
February 14	Odessa, TX	Tor Kamata	
February 15	Lubbock, TX	Dory Funk Sr.	
February 21	Odessa, TX	Terry Funk	
February 22	Lubbock, TX	Dory Funk Sr.	lost
Februar, 28	Odessa, TX	Dory Funk Sr.	
March 1	Lubbock, TX	Dan Miller	

1967 -----

March 6	Abilene, TX	Don Slatton	lost
March 13	Abilene, TX	Don Slatton	won
March 16	Amarillo, TX	Brute Bernard	
March 20	Abilene, TX	Billy Red Cloud	draw
		w/Jim Bernard vs	
		Chief Little Eagle and Billy Red Cloud	lost
March 22	Lubbock, TX	w/Frenchy Lamonte and Jack Cain vs	
		Dory Funk Sr. and Lord Littlebrook	
April 3	Abilene, TX	Jerry Kozak	lost
April 5	Lubbock, TX	Silento Rodriguez	
April 24	Abilene, TX	Chief Little Eagle	lost-dq
<i>Japan Tour</i>			
May 30	Kushiro, Japan	The Great Ito	won
May 31	Asahikawa, Japan	Mitsu Hirai	won
June 2	Muroran, Japan	Michiaki Yoshimura	draw
June 3	Aomori, Japan	Takachiho	won
June 4	Aikawa, Japan	w/Ike Eakins and Don Leo Jonathan vs	
		Giant Baba, Antonio Inoki and Michiaki Yoshimura	lost
June 5	Tsuruoka, Japan	The Great Ito	won
June 6	Akita, Japan	Yoshinosato	draw-dcor
June 7	Morioka, Japan	w/Ike Eakins and Don Leo Jonathan vs	
		Giant Baba, Antonio Inoki and The Great Ito	lost
June 8	Hachinohe, Japan	Motoshi Okuma	won
June 10	Iida, Japan	w/Don Leo Jonathan and Dutch Savage vs	
		Giant Baba, Antonio Inoki and Michiaki Yoshimura	lost
June 12	Nagano, Japan	Raizo Kojika	won
June 13	Fukui, Japan	The Great Ito	won-dq
June 16	Chiba, Japan	w/Rip Hawk vs	
		Antonio Inoki and Michiaki Yoshimura	lost
June 17	Yamagata, Japan	w/Don Leo Jonathan and Ike Eakins vs	
		Giant Baba, Antonio Inoki and Michiaki Yoshimura	lost
June 19	Inuyama, Japan	Antonio Inoki	lost
June 20	Kashihara, Japan	w/Swede Hanson vs	
		Giant Baba and Antonio Inoki	lost
June 22	Tokushima, Japan	w/Rip Hawk and Don Leo Jonathan vs	
		Giant Baba, Mitsu Hirai and Michiaki Yoshimura	lost
June 23	Kashihara, Japan	w/Don Leo Jonathan and Ike Eakins vs	
		Giant Baba, Antonio Inoki and Takachiho	lost
June 24	Kochi, Japan	Michiaki Yoshimura	lost
June 25	Matsuyama, Japan	Mitsu Hirai	won
June 28	Hamamatsu, Japan	w/Ike Eakins and Rip Hawk vs	
		Giant Baba, Antonio Inoki and Mitsu Hirai	lost
July 6	Osaka, Japan	w/Dutch Savage vs	
		Antonio Inoki and Michiaki Yoshimura	lost
		<i>Asian Tag Team Title Match</i>	
July 8	Tokyo, Japan	Antonio Inoki	lost

1968 -----

January 1	Orlando, FL	w/Sam Steamboat vs	
		Johnny Valentine	lost-dq
		<i>Handicap Match</i>	
January 15	Orlando, FL	Johnny Valentine	lost

1968 -----

February ??	Albuquerque, NM	Toru Tanaka	won
		<i>Rocky Mountain Title Match</i>	

Note: *Dick Steinborn beat Toru Tanaka in Albuquerque, New Mexico in February, 1968 to win the Rocky Mountain Title.*

????	Albuquerque, NM	Ricky Romero	lost
		<i>Rocky Mountain Title Match</i>	

Note: *Ricky Romero beat Dick Steinborn in Albuquerque, New Mexico sometime after February, 1968 to win the Rocky Mountain Title.*

April 26	Atlanta, GA	Tony Nero	won
April 27	Atlanta, GA (TV)	The Big O	lost
May 11	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Tank Morgan	won
May 17	Atlanta, GA	Hans Schmidt	won
May 24	Atlanta, GA	The Big O	draw

Note: *At first, Bob Orton was under the mask as The Big O, and the pictures in the programs were of Orton. A few weeks later, Orton disappeared. Johnny Valentine took his place and was later unmasked.*

May 31	Atlanta, GA	w/Bob Armstrong vs Motoshi Okuma and Shinja Kojika	won
June 1	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Pedro Valdez	won
June 15	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Louie Tillet vs El Mongol and Tarzan Tyler	won
June 21	Atlanta, GA	Tarzan Tyler	won-dq
July 12	Atlanta, GA	The Professional (Doug Gilbert)	lost
July 13	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Mario Galento vs Tank Morgan and Tarzan Tyler	won
July 19	Atlanta, GA	The Pro	lost
July 20	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Mario Galento vs Oki Shikina and Guillotine Gordon	won
August 2	Atlanta, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs Tarzan Tyler and Brute Bernard	lost
August 3	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Joe Turco	won
August 9	Atlanta, GA	The Pro	lost

Note: *Dick wrestled as Mr. Wrestling on the August 9, 1968 card.*

August 10	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Guillotine Gordon	won
August 16	Atlanta, GA	The Pro	draw
August 30	Atlanta, GA	The Pro	lost
September 7	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Guillotine Gordon	won
October 25	Atlanta, GA	<i>Referee for The Pro vs Louie Tillet match.</i>	
November 29	Atlanta, GA	w/Bob Armstrong vs The Assassins	lost
December 20	Atlanta, GA	Johnny Valentine	won
December 27	Atlanta, GA	Mike Burns (Gordon Nelson)	won

1969 -----

January 3	Atlanta, GA	Paul DeMarco	lost
-----------	-------------	--------------------	------

1969 -----

January 4	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Mario Galento vs The Assassins	lost
January 10	Atlanta, GA	w/Mario Galento vs The Pro and Paul DeMarco	lost
January 11	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Mike Burns vs The Assassins	lost
March 7	Dothan, AL	w/Don Carson vs Rocket and Flash Monroe	
March 13	Panama City, FL	Flash Monroe (Gene Dundee)	
March 14	Dothan, AL	The Infernos	
May 28	Panama City, FL	Flash Monroe	
July 18	Dothan, AL	w/Mac McFarland vs The Mighty Yankees	
July 24	Panama City, FL	w/Ken Lucas vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	
October 25	Lakeland, FL	Cisco Grimaldo	won
November 8	Lakeland, FL	Blue Demon #1	won
November 22	Lakeland, FL	w/Frankie Laine vs Duke Keomuka and Mr. Saito	won
November 25	Tampa, FL	w/Frankie Laine and Dory Dixon vs Missouri Mauler, Mr. Saito and Duke Keomuka	lost
December 2	Tampa, FL	w/Cowboy Frankie Lane vs Mephisto and Dante (Frankie Cain and Bobby Hart)	won
December 9	Tampa, FL	w/Dory Dixon vs Chris Markoff and Bronko Lubich	lost
December 13	Lakeland, FL	w/Frankie Laine vs Hiro Matsuda and Mr. Saito	won
December 20	Lakeland, FL	w/Frankie Laine vs Chris Markoff and Dr. Blood	won
December 25	Tampa, FL	w/Don Curtis and Bob Roop vs Hiro Matsuda, El Mongol and The Missouri Mauler	
December 29	Memphis, TN	w/Lester Welch vs Mephisto and Dante	won
December 30	Tampa, FL	w/Cowboy Frankie Lane vs Mephisto and Dante	won-dq

1970 -----

January 12	Orlando, FL	w/Jack Brisco vs Hiro Matsuda and Mr. Saito	won
January 17	Lakeland, FL	Dr. Blood	draw
January 19	Orlando, FL	w/Jack Brisco vs Hiro Matsuda and Mr. Saito	won
January 31	Lakeland, FL	w/Dory Dixon vs Aldo Bogni and Skull von Stroheim	won
February 28	Lakeland, FL	Mr. Saito	draw
March 21	Lakeland, FL	w/Man Mountain Mike vs Aldo Bogni and Dr. Blood	won
March 28	Lakeland, FL	w/Jose Betancourt vs Hiro Matsuda and Mr. Saito	lost
April 4	Lakeland, FL	w/Thunderbolt Patterson vs The Blue Demons (Al Greene and Frank Martinez)	won
April 18	Lakeland, FL	Mr. Saito	lost

1970 -----

April 28	Tampa, FL	w/Argentina Apollo vs Hiro Matsuda and Mr. Saito	draw
May 5	Tampa, FL	Mr. Saito	lost
May 19	Tampa, FL	Hiro Matsuda	lost
May 23	Lakeland, FL	The Red Menace (Pedro Godoy)	won
May 26	Tampa, FL	Bobby Enning	won
June 2	Tampa, FL	Danny Miller	draw
June 20	Lakeland, FL	Mr. Saito	lost
July 8	Winter Haven, FL	<i>Battle Royal</i> (won by Bob Roop)	
August 4	Tampa, FL	Mr. Smith (Frankie Cain)	lost
August 8	Lakeland, FL	w/Jesse James vs El Lobo and Jerry Usher	won
August 15	Lakeland, FL	Mr. Smith	lost
August 22	Lakeland, FL	w/Bob Roop vs Ali Baba and Tito Kopa	won
September 5	Lakeland, FL	w/Bobby Brunell vs Pat and Bob Valentino	won
September 8	Tampa, FL	Jose Lothario	lost
September 16	Miami Beach, FL	w/Jake Smith vs Dale Lewis and El Lobo	won-dq
September 29	Tampa, FL	Ronnie Garvin	draw
October 6	Tampa, FL	Mr. Saito	draw
October 10	Lakeland, FL	w/Jose Lothario vs Ronnie Garvin and Frank Martinez	won
October 13	Tampa, FL	Lee Wong	won
October 17	Lakeland, FL	w/Jerry Oates vs Lee Wong and Flash Monroe	won
October 20	Tampa, FL	Mr. Saito	lost
October 24	Lakeland, FL	w/Hiro Matsuda vs Tarzan Tyler and Ronnie Garvin	won
October 31	Lakeland, FL	Ronnie Garvin	won
November 7	Lakeland, FL	w/Louie Tillet vs Tarzan Tyler and Ronnie Garvin	won
November 21	Lakeland, FL	w/Louie Tillet vs The Infernos (Rocky and Curtis Smith)	lost
November 24	Tampa, FL	James Wolfe (Luke Graham)	won
November 28	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Buddy Colt	lost
December 5	Lakeland, FL	Mr. Saito	draw
December 12	Lakeland, FL	Mr. Saito	won
December 19	Winter Haven	Ronnie Garvin	won
December 26	Atlanta, GA	Luke Graham	lost

1971 -----

January 1	Jacksonville, FL	Rene Goulet	lost
-----------	------------------	-------------	------

Note: *Dick was wrestling as Mr. Wrestling in Jacksonville, Florida on January 1, 1971 and was unmasked.*

**January 2	Lakeland, FL	Tom Bradley	won
**January 2	Atlanta, GA	Luke Graham	draw
January 5	Tampa, FL	Louie Tillet	lost
January 14	Tampa, FL (TV)	Oki Shikina	won
January 19	Tampa, FL	The Super Inferno (Krusher Karlson)	won
January 21	Tampa, FL (TV)	The Great Malenko	lost



THE RINGSIDER

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM

JAN

25c

CITY AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY JANUARY 1, 1971

8 PAGES



LUKE GRAHAM PUNISHES DICK STEINBORN

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
AND SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

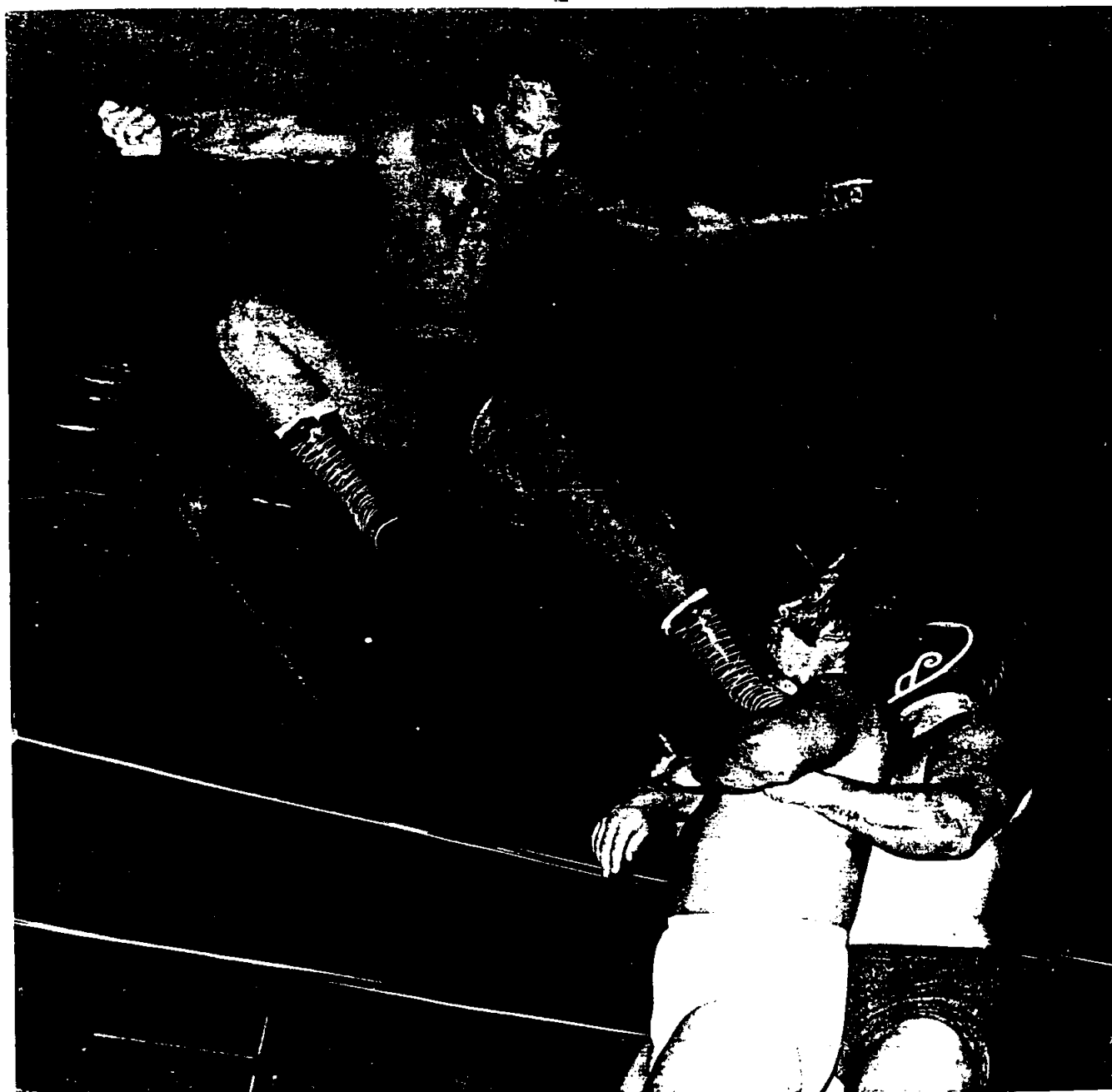
THE RINGSIDER

25c

CITY AUDITORIUM

JUNE 18th 1971

8 PAGES



DICK STEINBORN DROPKICKS FLASH MONROE

1971 -----

January 23	Lakeland, FL	w/Hiro Matsuda vs The Great Malenko and Rene Goulet	
February 4	Tampa, FL (TV)	Hiro Matsuda	draw
February 5	Atlanta, GA	Bobo Brazil	won
		Kubla Kahn	won-dq
		Nick Bockwinkel	lost
		<i>Georgia Heavyweight Title Tournament</i>	
February 6	Lakeland, FL	Mike Bowyer	draw
March 20	Lakeland, FL	w/Danny Miller and Hiro Matsuda vs The Infernos and The Champion (Tarzan Tyler)	lost
March 26	Atlanta, GA	Kubla Kahn	draw
March 29	Lakeland, FL	w/Danny Miller and Hiro Matsuda vs The Champion (Tarzan Tyler) and The Infernos	lost
April 21	Columbus, GA	w/Jerry Oates vs Michel DuBois and Fidel Castillo	won
April 23	Atlanta, GA	Luke Graham	draw
April 28	Columbus, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs Luke Graham and Karl Karlssen	won
April 30	Atlanta, GA	El Mongol	draw-dcor
May 1	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Nikita Mulkovitch	won
May 5	Columbus, GA	Luke Graham	won-dq
May 7	Atlanta, GA	Luke Graham	won or lost
May 12	Columbus, GA	w/Klondike Bill vs Luke Graham and Buddy Colt	
May 14	Atlanta, GA	w/The Professional vs Billy Spears and Fidel Castillo	won
May 15	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Luke Graham	won
May 19	Columbus, GA	w/Doug Gilbert vs Assassin #2 (Jody Hamilton) and Fidel Castillo	won
May 21	Atlanta, GA	w/The Professional vs The Assassins	lost or nc
May 26	Columbus, GA	w/Doug Gilbert vs The Assassins	won
May 28	Atlanta, GA	w/Klondike Bill and The Pro vs Buddy Colt and The Assassins	won
June 2	Columbus, GA	Assassin #2	draw
June 4	Atlanta, GA	w/The Professional vs The Assassins	lost
		<i>Tornado Tag Team Match</i>	
June 9	Columbus, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs Assassin #2 and Buddy Colt	won-dq
June 11	Atlanta, GA	w/the Professional vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	won-dq
June 12	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Jerry Oates vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	won by forfeit or lost
June 16	Columbus, GA	<i>Tournament for Columbus Title</i>	
June 18	Atlanta, GA	w/El Mongol, Kubla Kahn, and Ray Gunkel vs The Assassins, Flash Monroe and Rocket Monroe	won
June 23	Columbus, GA	w/Bob Armstrong vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	won-dq
June 25	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Gunkel vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	won-dq
June 30	Columbus, GA	Buddy Colt	won-dq
July 2	Atlanta, GA	Buddy Colt	lost

1971 -----

July 3	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Cisco Grimaldo	won
July 7	Columbus, GA	Buddy Colt	won-dq
July 9	Atlanta, GA	Buddy Colt	won-dq
		<i>Georgia Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
July 14	Columbus, GA	Oki Shikina	won
July 16	Atlanta, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	lost
July 17	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Kubla Kahn vs Assassin #1 (Tom Renesto) and Big Bad John	lost
July 30	Atlanta, GA	w/George Scott vs Krusher Karlson and Guillotine Gordon	won
August 4	Columbus, GA	Buddy Colt	won-dq
August 6	Atlanta, GA	Angelo Poffo	won
August 13	Atlanta, GA	Ken Russell	won
August 14	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Roberto Soto vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	draw
August 20	Atlanta, GA	Kubla Kahn	draw-nc
August 21	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Bill White	draw
August 27	Atlanta, GA	Guillotine Gordon	won-dq
August 28	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/George Scott vs Flash Monroe and Buddy Colt	draw
September 3	Atlanta, GA	Flash Monroe	draw
September 8	Columbus, GA	Buddy Colt	won-dq
September 10	Atlanta, GA	Bill White	won
September 15	Columbus, GA	w/El Mongol vs Buddy Colt and Big Bad John	won-dq
September 17	Atlanta, GA	w/George Scott vs The Assassins	won
September 22	Columbus, GA	Buddy Colt	won-dq
September 24	Atlanta, GA	Joe Turco	won
September 25	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Buddy Colt	draw
September 29	Columbus, GA	Louie Tillet	
October 1	Atlanta, GA	w/George Scott vs The Assassins	won-dq
		<i>Georgia Tag Team Title Match</i>	
October 2	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/George Scott vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	draw
October 8	Atlanta, GA	w/George Scott vs The Assassins	draw
		<i>Georgia Tag Team Title Match</i>	
October 13	Columbus, GA	Assassin #2	draw
		<i>Also in Battle Royal won by George Scott</i>	
October 20	Columbus, GA	Louie Tillet	lost
October 22	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #2	won
October 27	Columbus, GA	Bill White	draw
October 29	Atlanta, GA	Jimmy Dancing Bear	draw
October 30	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Big Bad John	won-dq
November 3	Columbus, GA	Flash Monroe	won-dq
November 5	Atlanta, GA	w/George Scott vs The Assassins	lost
November 10	Columbus, GA	Flash Monroe	
November 12	Atlanta, GA	Oki Shikina	won
December 17	Atlanta, GA	Roberto Soto	draw
December 22	Columbus, GA	Joe Turco	won

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
and SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



THE RINGSIDER

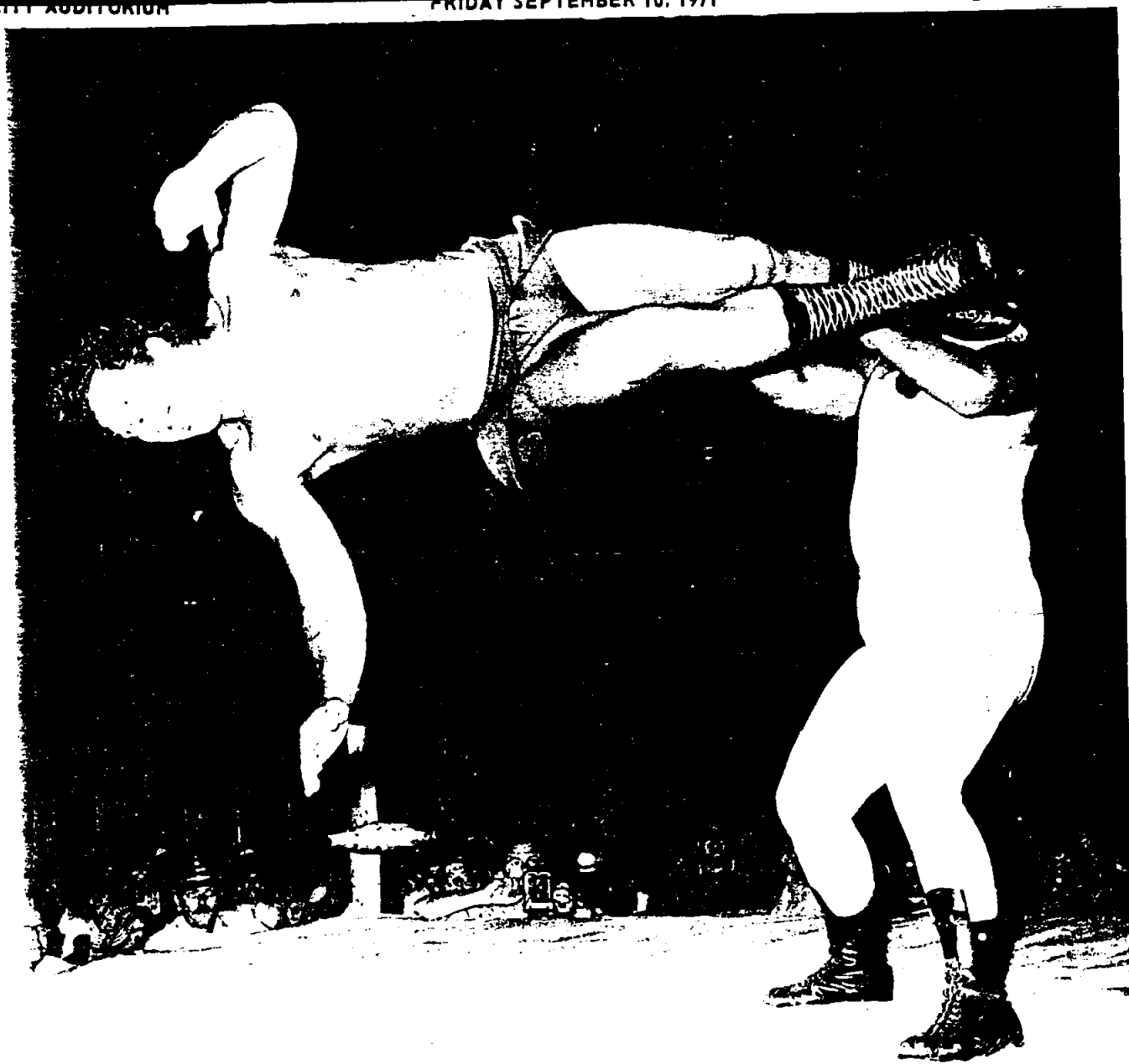
25c

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

CITY AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 1971

8 PAGES



DICK STEINBORN DROP KICKS FLASH MONROE

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
and SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM

NWA

THE RINGSIDER

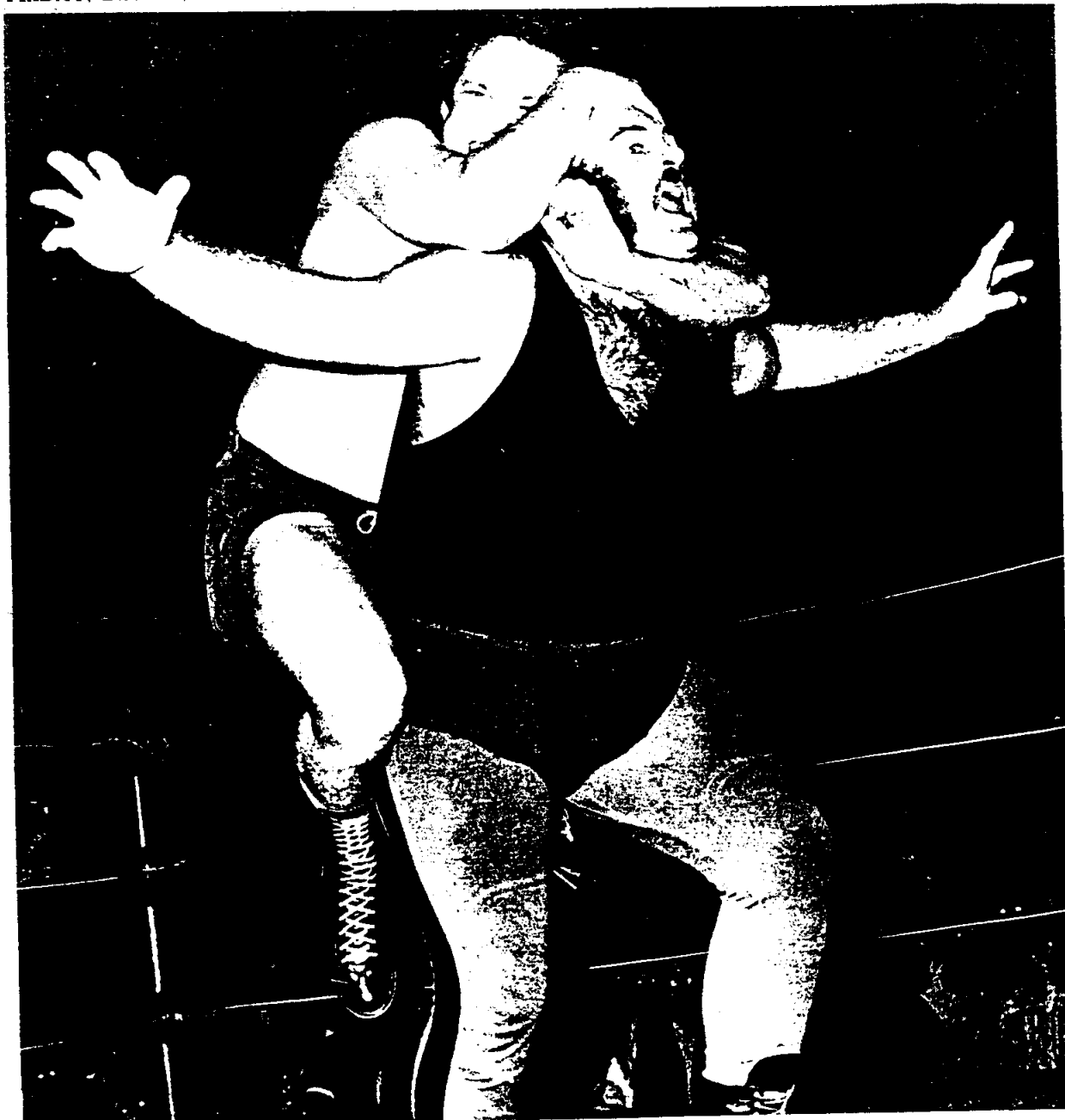
25c

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 1971

CITY AUDITORIUM

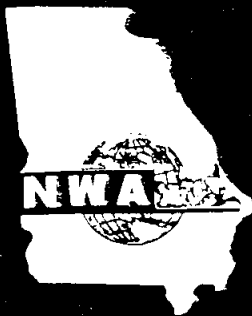
8 PAGES



DICK STEINBORN GOES FOR SLEEPER HOLD

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
and SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



THE RINGSIDER

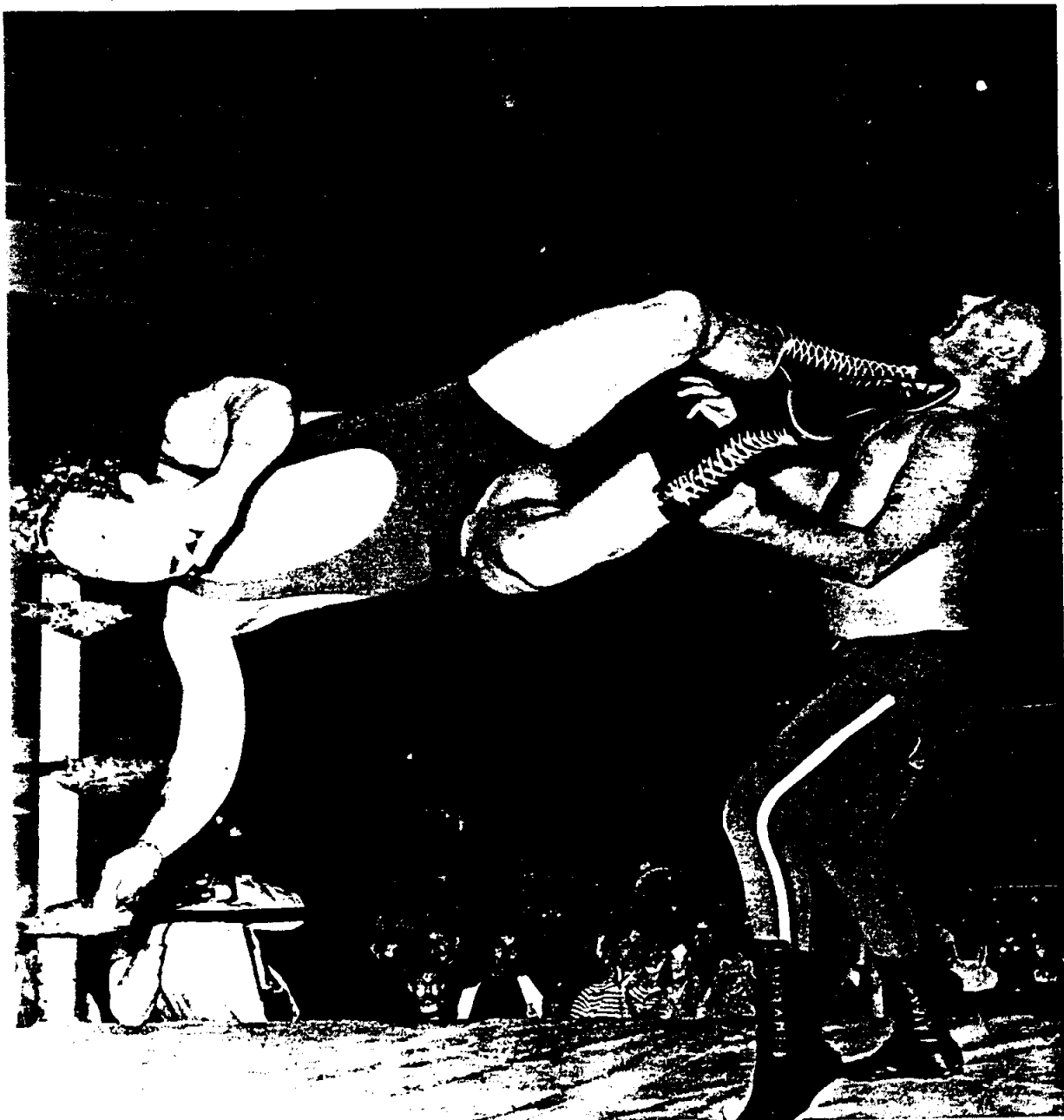
NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

25c

FRIDAY, JAN. 7, 1972

CITY AUDITORIUM

8 PAGES



DICK STEINBORN LANDS DROPKICK

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
and SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

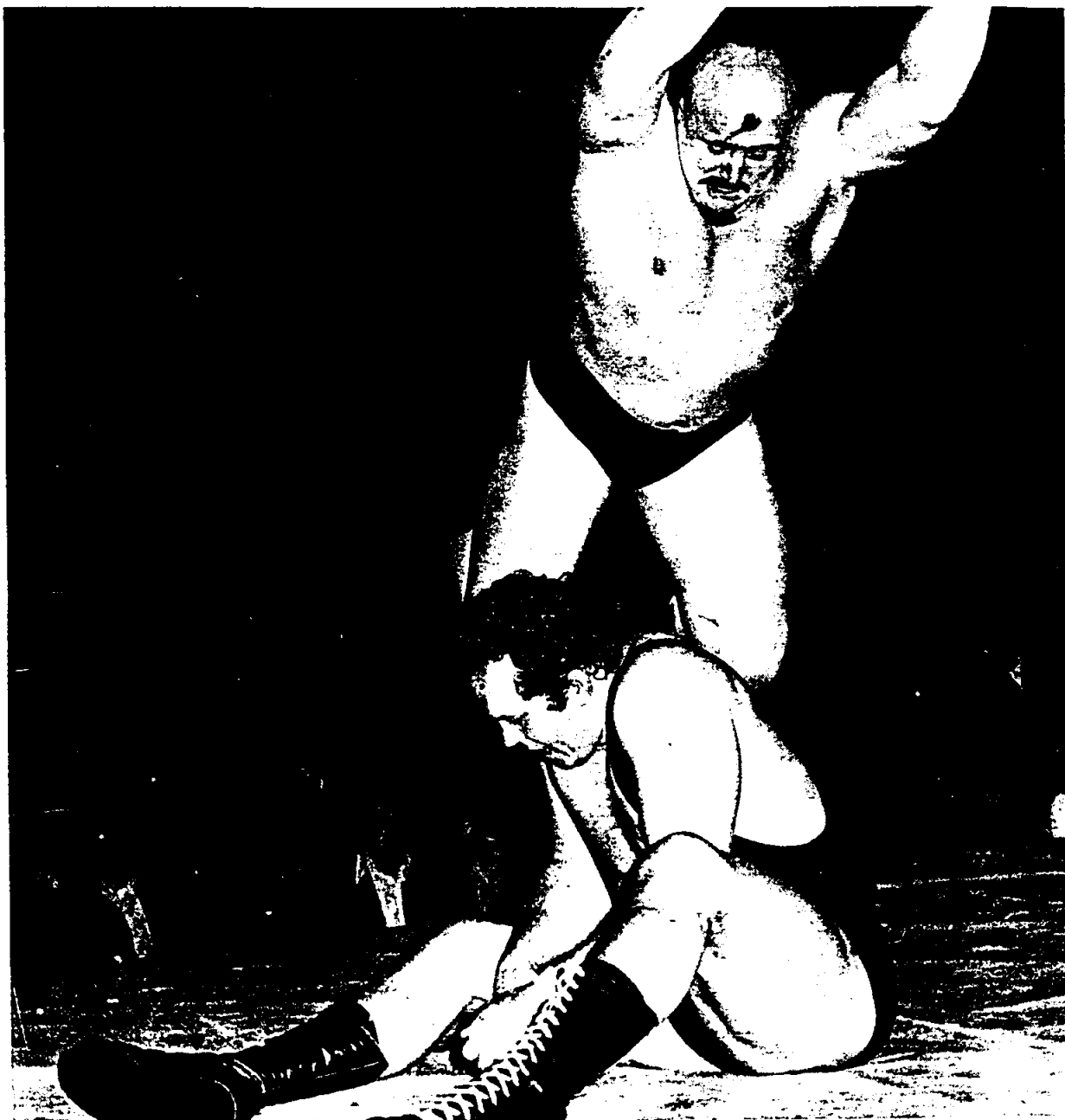
THE RINGSIDER

25c

FRIDAY, JAN., 28, 1972

CITY AUDITORIUM

8 PAGES



BEPPU DIVES ON DICK STEINBORN

1971 -----

December 24	Atlanta, GA	Mr. X (Doug Scoggins)	draw
December 25	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Buddy Colt	draw
December 29	Columbus, GA	Billy Spears	won
		<i>Also in Battle Royal won by Klondike Bill</i>	
December 31	Atlanta, GA	w/Jimmy Dancing Bear vs Mr. X and Karl von Stroheim	draw

1972 -----

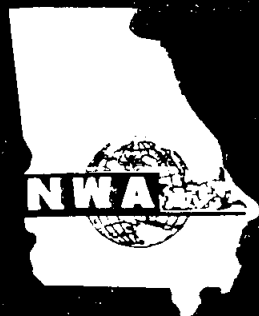
January 1	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Jerry Oates vs Mr. X and Karl von Stroheim	won
January 7	Atlanta, GA	<i>20-Man Over-the-top-rope Battle Royal</i>	lost
January 12	Columbus, GA	w/Jimmy Dancing Bear vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	won-decision
		w/Jimmy Dancing Bear vs Bob Armstrong and Darrell Cochran	lost
January 14	Atlanta, GA	Buddy Colt	won
January 15	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Mr. X	draw
January 21	Atlanta, GA	Flash Monroe	won
		Beppo Mongol	lost
		<i>Brass Knucks Tournament</i>	
January 22	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Roberto Soto vs Joe Turco and The Champ	won
January 26	Columbus, GA	Oki Shikina	won
January 28	Atlanta, GA	w/Bobo Brazil, El Mongol and Bob Armstrong vs Buddy Colt, Beppo Mongol, Karl von Stroheim and Mr. X . .	won
January 29	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Klondike Bill vs Flash and Rocket Monroe	won-dq
February 2	Columbus, GA	w/Klondike Bill vs Assassin #1 and Bill White	won
February 4	Atlanta, GA	Nick Bockwinkel	lost
		Buddy Colt	won
		Nick Bockwinkel	won-dq
		<i>3-Man Round Robin Tournament</i>	
February 11	Atlanta, GA	w/Roberto and El Mongol vs Assassin #2, Mr. X and Buddy Colt	
February 18	Atlanta, GA	Billy Spears	won
February 19	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Mr. X	won
February 25	Atlanta, GA	w/El Mongol and Bill Dromo vs The Assassins and Beppo Mongol	
March 3	Atlanta, GA	w/El Mongol vs The Assassins	lost
March 8	Columbus, GA	Buddy Colt	lost-cor
March 10	Atlanta, GA	Beppo Mongol	won-dq
March 11	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Klondike Bill vs Mr. X and Beppo Mongol	won
March 15	Columbus, GA	Buddy Colt	
March 17	Atlanta, GA	<i>Elimination Tournament</i>	lost
March 18	Savannah, GA (TV)	w/Klondike Bill vs Mr. X and Bepo Mongol	won
March 21	Savannah, GA	Dory Funk Jr.	lost
		<i>NWA World Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
March 22	Columbus, GA	w/El Mongol vs The Assassins	draw

1972 -----

March 24	Atlanta, GA	w/El Mongol vs The Assassins	lost
March 29	Columbus, GA	w/El Mongol, Bill Dromo and Klondike Bill vs The Assassins, Buddy Colt and Beppo Mongol	won
March 31	Atlanta, GA	Ox Baker	won-dq
April 1	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Jerry Oates vs Mr. X and Beppo Mongol	won
April 7	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #2	won
April 14	Atlanta, GA	w/John Sullivan vs The Assassins	won
April 15	Savannah, GA (TV)	Buddy Colt	draw
April 18	Savannah, GA	Assassin #2	won
		<i>Battle of the Nerve Holds</i>	
April 19	Columbus, GA	Assassin #1	won-dq
April 21	Atlanta, GA	Buddy Colt*	won
		<i>Georgia Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
April 22	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Karl von Stroheim	won
April 28	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #2	lost
May 3	Columbus, GA	Ox Baker	won-dq
May 5	Atlanta, GA	Mike Burns	won
May 10	Columbus, GA	w/Bill Dromo vs Ox Baker and Mr. X	lost
May 12	Atlanta, GA	w/El Mongol vs The Assassins*	nc
		<i>Georgia Tag Team Title Match</i>	
May 17	Columbus, GA	w/Jerry Oates vs Assassin #1 and Beppo Mongol	lost
May 26	Atlanta, GA	w/Roberto Soto vs The Assassins	won
May 31	Columbus, GA	Ox Baker	won-dq
June 2	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #2	won
June 6	Savannah, GA	w/John L. Sullivan vs Buddy Colt and Beppo Mongol	lost
June 7	Columbus, GA	Oki Shikina	won
		<i>Also in Battle Royal won by Beppo Mongol</i>	
June 9	Atlanta, GA	w/Bob Armstrong and El Mongol vs The Assassins and Beppo Mongol	won-dq
June 10	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Rocket Monroe	won-dq
June 13	Savannah, GA	w/Roberto Soto vs Buddy Colt and Billy Spears	nc
June 14	Columbus, GA	w/The Avenger vs Ox Baker and Rocket Monroe	draw
June 16	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #1	
June 21	Columbus, GA	w/Roberto Soto and Koa Tiki vs The Assassins and Beppo Mongol	won
June 23	Atlanta, GA	Billy Spears	won
		<i>Also in 18-Man Battle Royal</i>	lost
June 24	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Jerry Oates vs Assassin #2 and Mr. X	lost
June 24	Savannah, GA (TV)	Rocket Monroe	won-dq
June 28	Columbus, GA	w/Roberto Soto vs The Assassins	lost-dq
June 30	Atlanta, GA	Mike Paidousis	won
July 1	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Ox Baker	won-dq

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
and SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



THE RINGSIDER

25c

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

FRIDAY, FEB. 11, 1972

CITY AUDITORIUM

8 PAGES



BOCKWINKEL HIPLOCKS DICK STEINBORN

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
and SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM

NWA

THE RINGSIDER

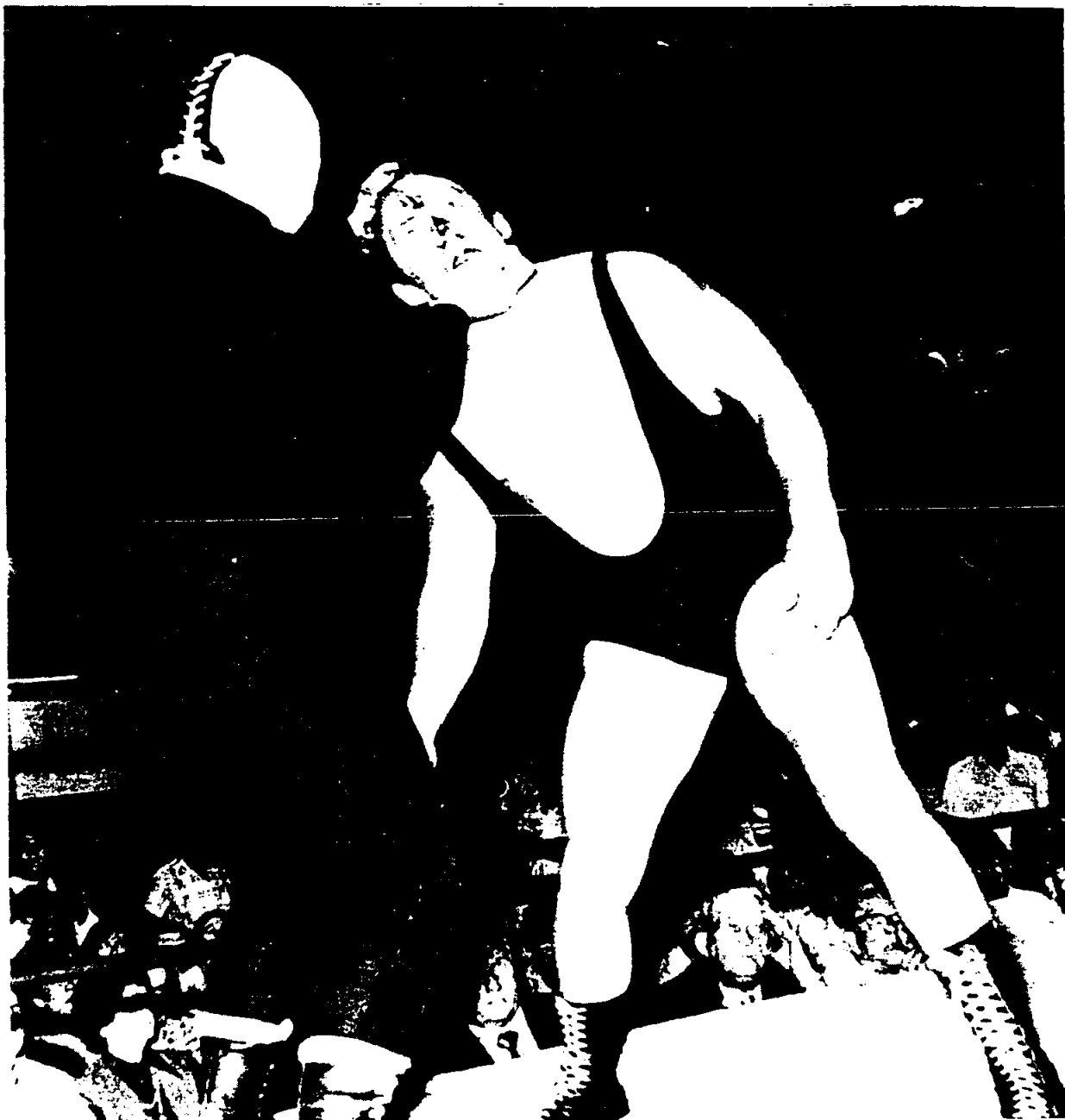
25c

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1972

SPORTS ARENA

8 PAGES



ASSASSIN NO. 2 HEAD BUTTS DICK STEINBORN

1972 -----

July 4	Savannah, GA	Dory Funk Jr.	lost
		<i>NWA World Heavyweight Title Match</i>	
July 7	Atlanta, GA	Buddy Colt	won
July 11	Savannah, GA	w/El Mongol and Argentina Apollo vs Billy Spears, Dick Shannon and Wayne Cowan (Dutch Mantel)	won
July 12	Columbus, GA	Oki Shikina	won
July 14	Atlanta, GA	Oki Shikina	won
July 15	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Assassin #1	draw
July 21	Atlanta, GA	Rocket Monroe	won
July 25	Savannah, GA	Rocket Monroe	draw
July 26	Columbus, GA	w/Bob Armstrong vs Ox Baker and Mr. X	won
July 28	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #2	draw
		<i>Nerve Hold Match</i>	
July 29	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Argentina Apollo vs Bill Bowman and Joe Turner	
August 1	Savannah, GA	Rocket Monroe	won
August 4	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #1	lost
August 5	Savannah, GA (TV)	w/Argentina Apollo vs Bill Bowman and Joe Turner	draw
August 12	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/George Grant vs Bill Bowman and Joe Turner	lost
August 18	Atlanta, GA	Juan Caruso	won
August 19	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Wayne Cowan	won
August 23	Columbus, GA	w/Timothy Geohagen vs Joe Turner and Bill Bowman	
August 25	Atlanta, GA	w/Bob Armstrong vs The Assassins	won
		<i>NWA Georgia Tag Team Title Match*</i>	

Note: *Dick Steinborn and Bob Armstrong beat The Assassins in Atlanta, Georgia on August 25, 1972 to win the NWA Georgia Tag Team Title.*

August 30	Columbus, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs The Assassins	won-dq
September 1	Atlanta, GA	w/Bob Armstrong vs The Assassins	draw

Note: *The Assassins beat Dick Steinborn and Bob Armstrong in Atlanta, Georgia in September, 1972 to win the NWA Georgia Tag Team Title.*

September 4	Savannah, GA	w/Roberto Soto vs The Assassins	won
September 6	Columbus, GA	Assassin #2	won-dq

Note: *Assassin #1 (Tom Renesto) retires and unmask. The Georgia Tag Team Title is put up for grabs in a tournament held in Atlanta, Georgia on September 15, 1972.*

September 15	Atlanta, GA	w/Bob Armstrong vs Bill Bowman and Joe Turner	won-dq
		w/Bob Armstrong vs John Caruso and Dick Shannon	won
		w/Bob Armstrong vs Ox Baker and Scandor Akbar	lost

1972 -----

September 20	Columbus, GA	w/Bobo Brazil vs The Assassins	won
September 22	Atlanta, GA	w/Bob Armstrong vs Bill Bowman and Joe Turner	draw
September 30	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Roberto Soto vs Oki Shikina and Rocket Monroe	won
October 3	Savannah, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Rock Hunter and Krusher Karlson	nc
October 6	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Bill Bowman and Joe Turner	lost
October 7	Savannah, GA (TV)	w/Roberto Soto vs Rocket Monroe and Oki Shikina	won
October 7	Atlanta, GA (TV)	w/Tommy Seigler vs Krusher Karlson and Oki Shikina	won
October 11	Columbus, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Joe Turner and Bill Bowman	
October 13	Atlanta, GA	Joe Turco	
October 14	Savannah, GA (TV)	w/Tommy Seigler vs Oki Shikina and Krusher Karlson	won
October 20	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Scandor Akbar and Ox Baker	won
<i>NWA Georgia Tag Team Title Match*</i>			

Note: *Dick Steinborn and Argentina Apollo beat Scandor Akbar and Ox Baker in Atlanta, Georgia on October 20, 1972 to win the NWA Georgia Tag Team Title.*

October 27	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Jerry Brown and Buddy Roberts	draw
October 28	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Rock Hunter	won-dq
November 3	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Jerry Brown and Buddy Roberts	draw
November 7	Columbus, GA	w/Argentina Apollo and Assassin #1 vs Ox Baker, Scandor Akbar and John Caruso	won
November 10	Atlanta, GA	Rock Hunter	won
November 11	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Ox Baker	won
November 17	Atlanta, GA	Dory Funk Jr.	draw
<i>N.W.A. World Heavyweight Title Match</i>			
November 20	Waycross, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Joe Turner and Bill Bowman	won

Note: *Dick Steinborn wins the Georgia TV Title in November, 1972.*

Note: *Ann Gunkel forms the All-South Wrestling Alliance and takes all but two wrestlers from the N.W.A. promotion. Her first card was held on November 24, 1972. Dick Steinborn and Argentina quit the NWA and begin wrestling for the ASWA, taking the Georgia Tag Team Title with them. Dick is billed as the first holder of the ASWA Georgia TV Title, and begins to promote in Columbus, Georgia.*

November 24	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #2	draw
November 28	Savannah, GA	w/Argentina Apollo, Roberto Soto and Tommy Seigler vs Jerry Brown, Buddy Roberts, Ox Baker and Assassin #2	won
November 28	Savannah, GA	Scandor Akbar	won
<i>TV Title Match</i>			
December 1	Atlanta, GA	Ox Baker	
<i>Georgia TV Title Match</i>			

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
and SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

THE RINGSIDER

25c

APRIL 28, 1972

CITY AUDITORIUM

8 PAGES



DICK STEINBORN APPLIES NERVEHOLD TO COLT

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
and SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



THE RINGSIDER

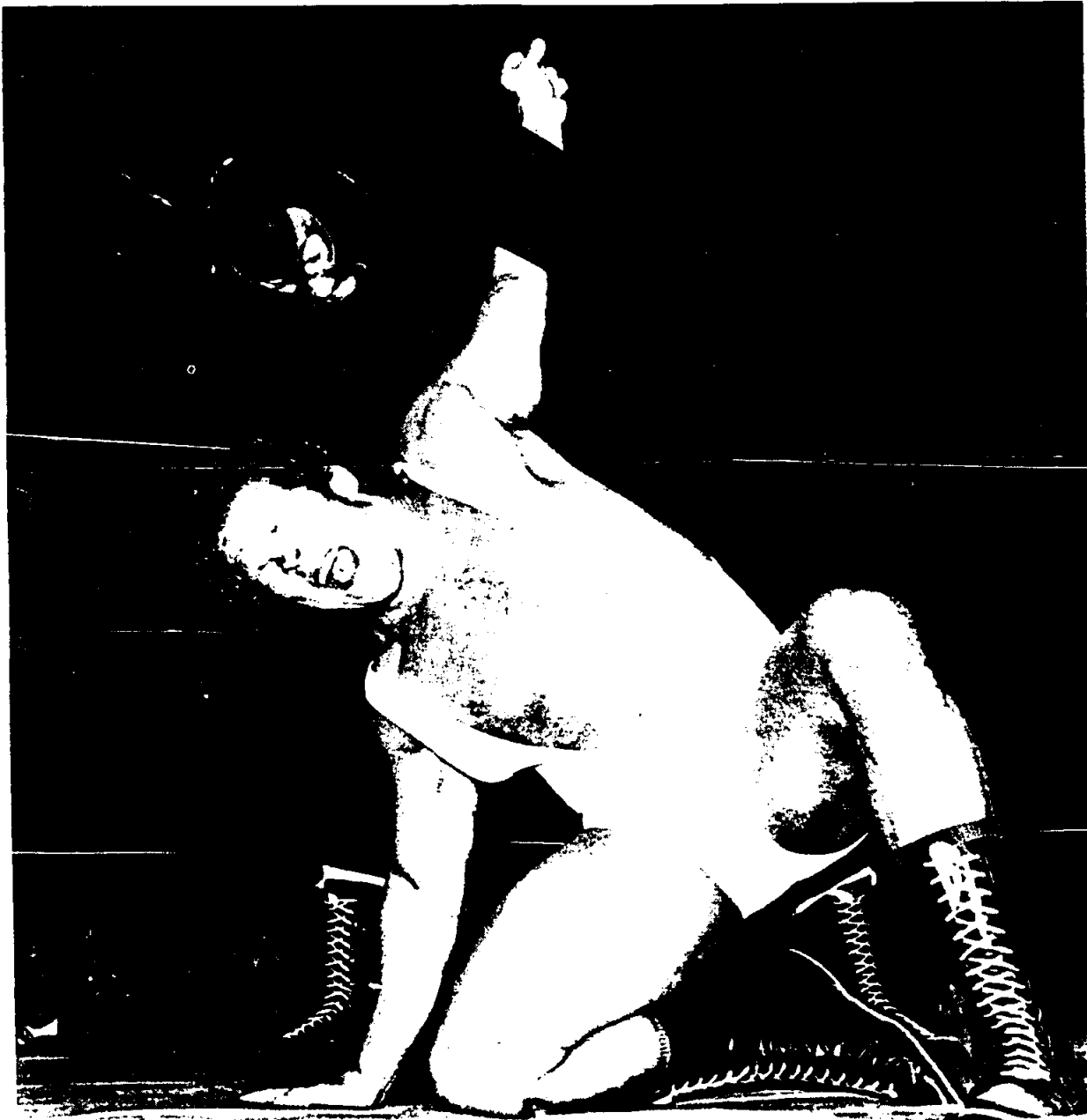
25c

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1972

CITY AUDITORIUM

8 PAGES



ASSASSIN NO. 2 WITH ARM BAR ON DICK STEINBORN

1972 -----

December 5	Savannah, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Jerry Brown and Buddy Roberts	won
December 8	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Buddy Roberts and Jerry Brown	won
December 9	Atlanta, GA (TV)	<i>Georgia Tag Team Title Match</i> Ox Baker	won-dq
December ??	Thomaston, GA	Ox Baker	won-dq
December 15	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #2	nc
December 22	Atlanta, GA	Assassin #2	

1973 -----

January 9	Atlanta, GA	Ox Baker	won
January 16	Atlanta, GA	<i>Georgia TV Title Match</i> Tommy Seigler	draw
January 23	Atlanta, GA	<i>26-Man Battle Royal</i>	lost
January 30	Atlanta, GA	Guillotine Gordon w/Argentina Apollo* vs Ox Baker and Guillotine Gordon	won
February 6	Atlanta, GA	<i>Georgia Tag Team Title Match</i> Rock Hunter	won-dq
February 13	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo* vs Bill Bowman and Joe Turner	draw
February 20	Atlanta, GA	<i>Georgia Tag Team Title Match</i> w/Argentina Apollo* vs Bill Bowman and Joe Turner	won
February 27	Atlanta, GA	<i>Georgia Tag Team Title Match</i> w/Argentina Apollo vs Assassin #1 and Rock Hunter	lost

Note: *The Assassin #1 and Rock Hunter beat Dick Steinborn and Argentina Apollo in Atlanta, Georgia sometime in 1973 to win the ASWA Tag Team Title.*

March 6	Atlanta, GA	Ali Ben Kar	
March 13	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Jack Armstrong and Rock Hunter	
March 20	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Assassin #2 and Rock Hunter	lost
April 3	Atlanta, GA	Tommy Seigler	
April 10	Atlanta, GA	<i>Battle Royal</i>	
April 17	Atlanta, GA	Argentina Apollo	
April 24	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Bill Bowman and Joe Turner	
May 1	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Candy and Argentina Apollo vs Bill Bowman, Joe Turner and Assassin #2	won
May 22	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs Assassin #2 and Rock Hunter	
June 5	Atlanta, GA	John Foley	won
June 12	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo vs John Foley and Oki Shikina	
July 3	Atlanta, GA	Rock Hunter	lost
July 21	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Tarzan Tyler	lost
September 22	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Rock Hunter	lost

1973 -----

September 24	Columbus, GA	w/Assassin #1 vs Assassin #2 and Rock Hunter
September 25	Atlanta, GA	w/Assassin #1 vs Assassin #2 and Rock Hunter
November 20	Atlanta, GA	<i>Special Challenge Match</i> Super Gladiator
November 27	Atlanta, GA	Super Gladiator
December 11	Atlanta, GA	w/Gorilla Watts vs Assassin #2 and The Missouri Mauler
December 15	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Geeto Mongol
December 18	Atlanta, GA	Geeto Mongol

1974 -----

February 19	Atlanta, GA	w/Ray Candy vs Geeto and Bolo Mongol
October 26	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Super Soul Davis
October 29	Atlanta, GA	<i>16-Man Battle Royal</i>
November 2	Atlanta, GA	w/Jody Hamilton vs The Royal Kangaroos
November 9	Atlanta, GA (TV)	Super Soul Davis
November 12	Atlanta, GA	Wayne Cowan
November 28	Atlanta, GA	<i>16-Man Battle Royal</i>

1975 -----

Note: *The I.W.A. begins promoting wrestling in Atlanta and Dick Steinborn works for them.*

February 18	Atlanta, GA	Eric the Red
July 14	Atlanta, GA	w/Argentina Apollo and Luis Martinez vs Rip Hawk, Hartford Love and Reginald Love
July 21	Atlanta, GA	Beautiful Bruce
October 7	Hanover, Germany	Steve Haggerty
October 8	Hanover, Germany	Roy St. Clair
October 9	Hanover, Germany	Colin Joynson
October 10	Hanover, Germany	Bob Dellaserra
October 11	Hanover, Germany	Axel Dieter
October 12	Hanover, Germany	Klaus Kauroff
October 13	Hanover, Germany	Vladimir
October 14	Hanover, Germany	w/Axel Dieter vs Klaus Kauroff and Cuban Assassin
October 15	Hanover, Germany	Jack Breston
October 17	Hanover, Germany	Ricki Starr
October 18	Hanover, Germany	w/Axel Dieter vs Jack Breston and Klaus Kauroff
October 19	Hanover, Germany	Cuban Assassin
October 20	Hanover, Germany	Jack Breston
October 23	Hanover, Germany	Vladimir
October 24	Hanover, Germany	Salvatore Bellomo
October 25	Hanover, Germany	Klaus Kauroff
October 26	Hanover, Germany	Bob Dellaserra

WRESTLING

OCTOBER 11, 1972

OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM

COLUMBUS, GA.

PRICE 25c



DICKIE STEINBORN

ASSASSIN
Teams With
AVENGER
Against
AKBAR
and
BAKER

WRESTLING NEXT WEDNESDAY
NIGHT AT
COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

WRESTLING SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THE SPORTS ARENA
STARTING AT 4:00 PM TELECAST LIVE OVER WRBL-TV CHANNEL 3
DOORS OPEN ONE HOUR BEFORE THE MATCHES START

THESE MATCHES SANCTIONED
and SUPERVISED BY THE

ATLANTA'S OFFICIAL WRESTLING PROGRAM



THE RINGSIDER

25c

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

FRIDAY, OCT. 27, 1972

CITY AUDITORIUM

8 PAGES



APPOLLO AND STEINBORN NEW GA. TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS

Nº

784

BIG PAGES - OFFICIAL GEORGIA WRESTLING PROGRAM



PROMOTING FOR 1 YEAR
DICKIE STEINBORN

1976 -----

February 22	Knoxville, TN	Jimmy Golden
		<i>Mid-America Heavyweight Title Match</i>
March 9	Mobile, AL	Ken Lucas
		<i>Mid-America Title Match</i>

Note: *Dick Steinborn billed as Mid-America Heavyweight champion in Mobile, Alabama.*

April 2	Knoxville, TN	<i>Special referee for Southeastern Heavyweight Title Match between champion Don Carson and Ron Fuller.</i>
---------	---------------	---

1977 -----

April 1	Knoxville, TN	Rip Smith
April 8	Knoxville, TN	Bob Orton Jr.
April 28	Knoxville, TN	Bob Orton Jr. lost

1978 -----

Note: *Dick Steinborn appears in Memphis, Tennessee as Mr. Wrestling and is billed as the North American Heavyweight champion on arrival. He held the title until it was abandoned later that year.*

as Mr. Wrestling

September 4	Memphis, TN	Lou Thesz draw
September 6	Evansville, IN	Terry Sawyer
September 13	Evansville, IN	Tommy Gilbert
		<i>North American Title Match*</i>
September 18	Memphis, TN	Jackie Welch
		<i>Loser Leave Town</i>

as The White Knight

October 8	Dallas, TX	w/Bill White w/mgr. Gary Hart vs David and Kevin von Erich lost (White sub for Gino Hernandez)
October 9	Fort Worth, TX	w/Gino Hernandez and Gary Hart vs Fritz, Kevin and David von Erich lost
October 11	San Antonio, TX	w/Alberto Madril vs Tully Blanchard and Bill White
October 13	Houston, TX	Tiger Conway Jr. draw
October 15	Dallas, TX	David Patterson won
October 16	Fort Worth, TX	w/Bill White vs Kevin von Erich and Dusty Rhodes lost
October 20	Houston, TX	Dale Valentine (Greg Valentine) won
October 22	Dallas, TX	Al Madril won
October 23	Fort Worth, TX	Reggie Parks won
		Rocky Johnson lost
October 27	Houston, TX	David Patterson won
October 29	Dallas, TX	Reggie Parks lost-dq
October 30	Fort Worth, TX	w/Mark Lewin and mgr. Gary Hart vs Al Madril and Reggie Parks won w/Mark Lewin vs Mando Guerrero and Tiger Conway Jr. won <i>American Tag Team Title Tournament</i>

1978 -----

Note: *The White Knight (Dick Steinborn) and Mark Lewin win a one-night tournament in Ft. Worth, Texas on October 30, 1978 to win the World Class Texas Tag Team Title.*

November 5	Dallas, TX	Armando Guerrero	draw
November 6	Fort Worth, TX	w/Mark Lewin vs Kevin and David von Erich	lost
		<i>American Tag Team Title Match</i>	
November 8	San Antonio, TX	w/Alberto Madril vs Bill White and Gama Singh	
November 10	Houston, TX	Alberto Madril	
November 12	Dallas, TX	Gino Hernandez	draw
November 13	Fort Worth, TX	w/Ichiban (Killer Karl Krupp) vs Kevin and David von Erich	
November 17	Houston, TX	Dale Valentine	won
November 19	Dallas, TX	w/Bruiser Brody and Gino Hernandez vs David, Kevin and Kerry von Erich	lost
		David von Erich	draw
November 20	Fort Worth, TX	Al Madril	
November 24	Houston, TX	Tiger Conway Jr.	
November 26	Dallas, TX	w/Mark Lewin vs Kevin and David von Erich*	
		<i>American Tag Team Title Match</i>	
November 27	Fort Worth, TX	w/Mark Lewin vs Dusty Rhodes and Tiger Conway Jr.	
December 1	Houston, TX	w/Ichiban vs Ernie Ladd and Tiger Conway Jr.	lost
December 3	Dallas, TX	Kevin von Erich	lost
December 4	Fort Worth, TX	Reggie Parks	won
December 8	Houston, TX	Gama Singh	
December 10	Dallas, TX	Tiger Conway Jr.	draw
December 11	Fort Worth, TX	Bull Ramos	lost-rd
December 15	Houston, TX	Randy Brewer	won
December 17	Dallas, TX	w/Mark Lewin w/mgr. Gary Hart vs Bull Ramos and Tiger Conway Jr.	

Note: *Dick Steinborn leaves the territory. Killer Karl Krupp takes Dick's place with Mark Lewin to defend the World Class Texas Tag Team Title, but they lost the title to Bull Ramos and Tiger Conway Jr. on December 17, 1978.*

December 29	Houston, TX	w/Gary Hart and Dick Murdock vs Fritz, Kevin and Kerry von Erich	lost
-------------	-------------	---	------

1979 -----

as Mr. Wrestling

January 6	Edmonton, Alberta	John Foley	
January 12	Calgary	Norman Frederick Charles III	won
January 19	Calgary	Dynamite Kid	lost
January 25	Regina	Big Daddy Ritter (Junkyard Dog)	
January 27	Edmonton	Norman Frederick Charles III	
February 2	Calgary	Mr. Hito	draw
February 9	Calgary	Keith Hart	draw
February 10	Edmonton	Jake Roberts vs Hercules Ayala and Big Daddy Ritter	

1979 -----

February 16	Calgary	w/Keith Hart vs Neil Guay and Cuban Assassin	won
February 23	Calgary	Hercules Ayala	

Puerto Rico

Note: *Dick Steinborn wins the WWC Caribbean Heavyweight Title in San Juan, Puerto Rico shortly after his arrival in 1979.*

July 28	Bayamon, PR	w/Dutch Mantel and Cowboy Frankie Lane vs Carlos Colon, Jose Rivera and The Invader	
August 5	San Juan, PR	Jose Rivera	
August 11	Bayamon, PR	w/Don Kent vs Hurricane Castillo and Jose Rivera	
September 1	Caguas, PR	Jose Rivera	
September 22	Bayamon, PR	The Invader (Jose Gonzales)	
September 29	Bayamon, PR	The Invader	
October 6	Caguas, PR	w/Roger Kirby vs Hurricane Castillo and Burrhead Jones	
October 13	Bayamon, PR	w/Roger Kirby <i>One Night Tag Team Tournament - 15 Teams</i>	
October 20	Caguas, PR	Carlos Colon	
October 27	Caguas, PR	Carlos Colon	
November 3	Bayamon, PR	Carlos Colon	
November 10	San Juan, PR	w/Pampero Firpo and Arman Hussein vs Carlos Colon, David and Kerry von Erich	
November 17	Bayamon, PR	Jose Rivera	
November 24	San Juan, PR	Jose Rivera <i>Caribbean Title Match</i>	
December 1	Bayamon, PR	<i>16-Man Battle Royal</i>	
December 8	Trujillo Alto, PR	Invader II	
December 15	Bayamon, PR	Jose Rivera	
December 22	Bayamon, PR	w/Roger Kirby vs Cyclon Negro and Hurricane Castillo	
December 29	Bayamon, PR	Cyclon Negro <i>Caribbean Title Match</i>	

Note: *Cyclon Negro beat Dick Steinborn in Bayamon, Puerto Rico on December 29, 1979 to win the WWC Caribbean Title.*

1980 -----

January 6	Bayamon, PR	Cyclon Negro* <i>Caribbean Title Match</i>	
-----------	-------------	---	--

Note: *Dick Steinborn and Roger Kirby win the North American Tag Team Title prior to January 12, 1980.*

January 12	Bayamon, PR	w/Roger Kirby vs Cyclon Negro and Jose Rivera <i>North American Tag Team Title Match</i>	
January 19	Caguas, PR	w/Roger Kirby vs Cyclon Negro and Jose Rivera <i>North American Tag Team Title Match</i>	

1979 -----

January 26	Caguas, PR	w/Roger Kirby vs Carlos Colon and Jose Rivera
		<i>North American Tag Team Title Match</i>
March 1	Caguas, PR	El Gran Apollo
March 8	Santurce, PR	w/Roger Kirby and Crazy Luke Graham vs The Invaders and El Gran Apollo

Note: *Dick Steinborn won the Stampede British Commonwealth Mid-Heavyweight Title in Calgary prior to June, 1980.*

June 20	Edmonton	Dynamite Kid
July 1	Regina	Dynamite Kid
July 4	Calgary	Bruce Hart lost
July 8	Regina	Bruce Hart
		<i>Mid-Heavyweight Title Match</i>
July ??	Calgary	Keith Hart lost

Note: *Keith Hart beat Dick Steinborn in Calgary sometime in July, 1980 to win the Stampede British Commonwealth Mid-Heavyweight Title.*

Note: *Dick Steinborn beat Tony Charles in Alabama to win the U.S. Junior Heavyweight Title.*

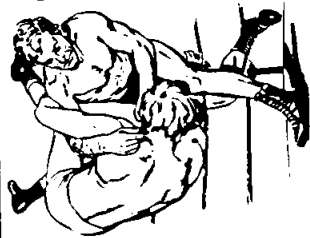
Note: *Jerry Stubbs beat Dick Steinborn in Alabama to win the U.S. Junior Heavyweight Title.*

Note: *Dick Steinborn billed as Mid-America Junior Heavyweight champion in Nashville, Tennessee upon his arrival in August, 1980.*

August 20	Nashville, TN	Bobby Eaton* lost
		<i>Mid-America Heavyweight Title Match</i>
August 27	Nashville, TN	Bobby Eaton*
		<i>Return Mid-America Heavyweight Title Match</i>
August 31	Chattanooga, TN	w/Don Fargo vs Larry Latham and Wayne Farris* w/mgr. Danny Davis . . won-dq
		<i>CWA Tag Team Title Match</i>
September 3	Nashville, TN	w/Lefty Powell vs The Manchurians w/mgr. Sputnik Monroe won
September 6	Chattanooga, TN	w/Don Fargo vs Larry Latham and Wayne Farris w/mgr. Danny Davis
		<i>Return CWA Tag Team Title Match</i>
September 10	Nashville, TN	w/Lefty Powell vs The Manchurians w/mgr. Sputnik Monroe
		<i>Return Match</i>
September 24	Nashville, TN	Ken Lucas
		<i>Mid-America Junior Heavyweight Title Match</i>
October 1	Nashville, TN	Lou Thesz

1982 -----

Note: *Dick Steinborn wins the WWC Junior Heavyweight Title in Puerto Rico in November, 1982.*



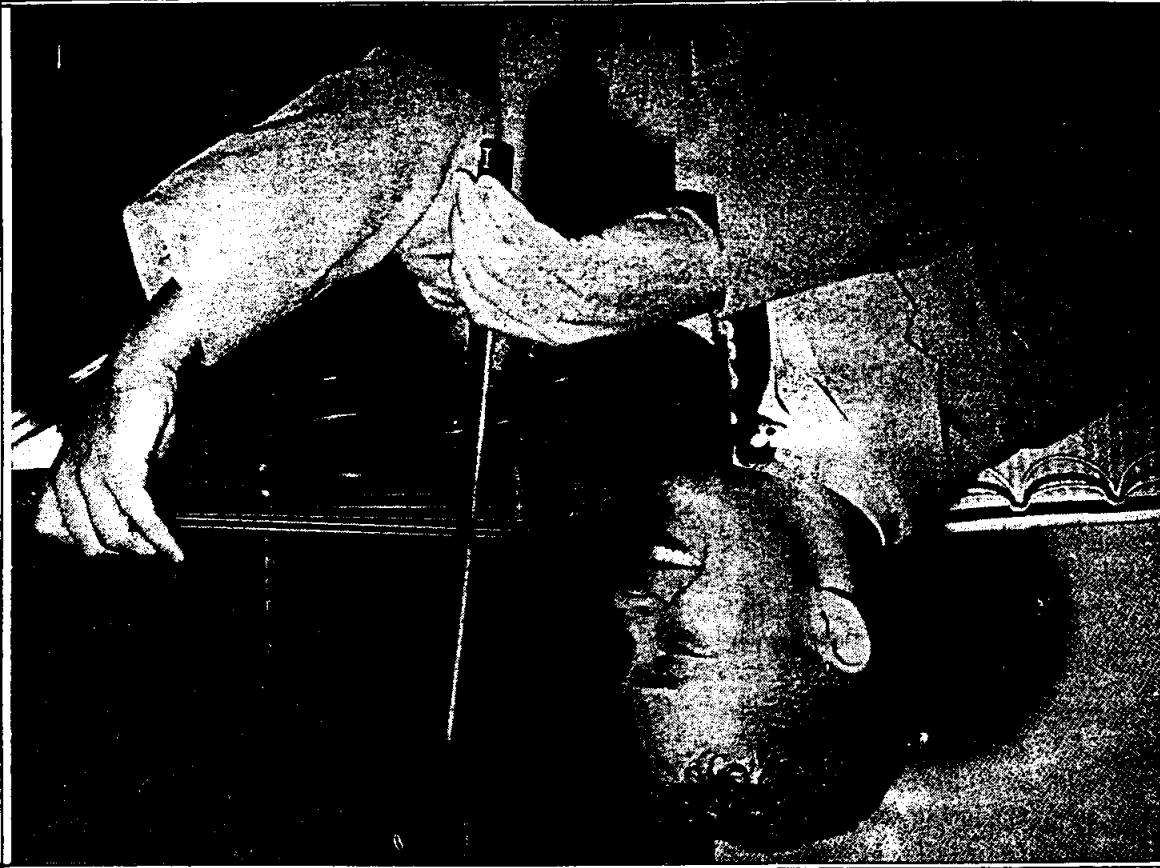
Mid-America

MAT NEWS

50¢



DICK STEINBORN



DICK STEINBORN

One of the world's best matmen, Dick Steinborn is talented in many other areas. This picture, taken when Dick was only 21 years old, is proof of that. Could it be that Dick is playing a 'Swan Song' for Bobby Eaton in preparation for winning the Mid-America Heavyweight Championship belt?

DICKEY STEINBORN

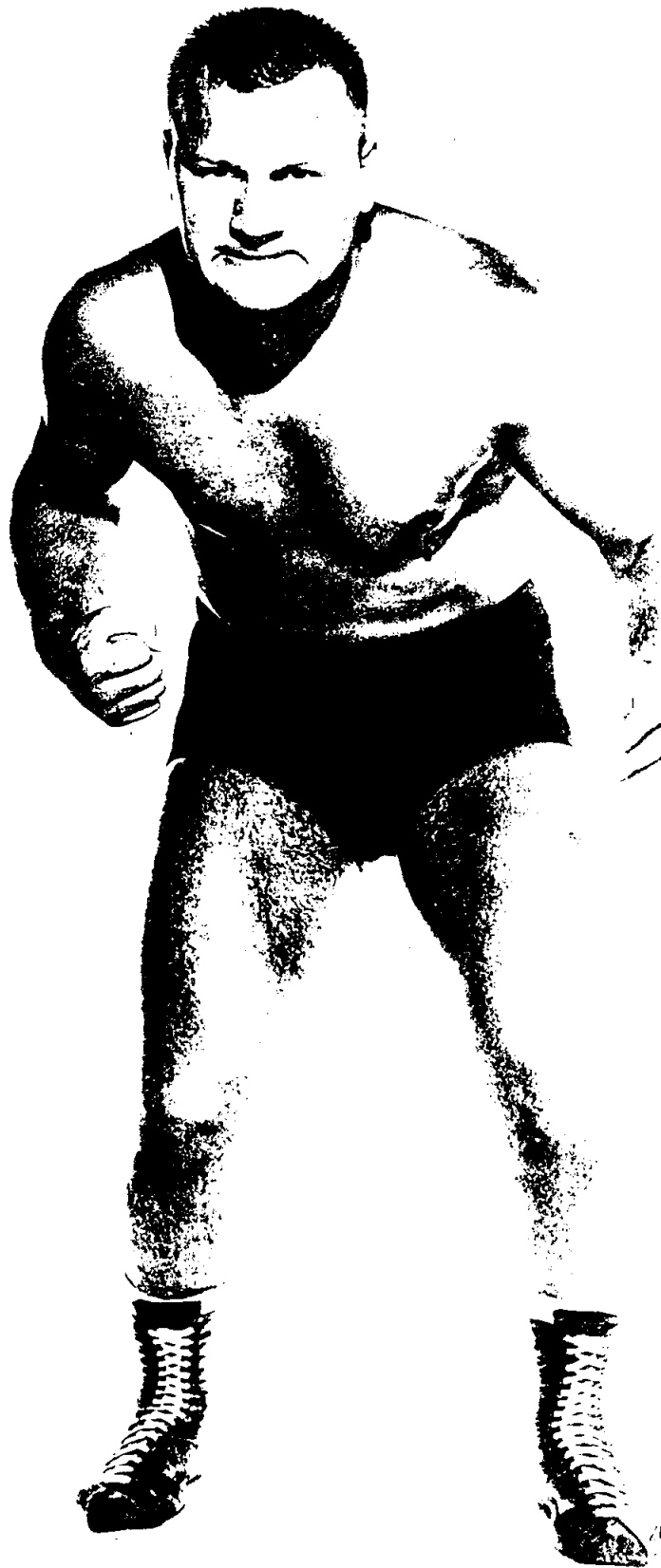


SOUVENIR AUTOGRAPH

JAMES C. MELBY
MANAGING EDITOR

1018 E. ROSE AVE.
ST. PAUL, MN. 55106

THIS ISSUES FEATURES
RESULTS AND LINEUPS
FROM DULUTH, MINNESOTA



GENE KINISKI

DULUTH, MN. Researched By James C. Melby
(Thanks to Don Luce for 1946-1947 research)

Jan. 15, 1913 Stan Zbyszko Def. Jess Westergaard - DQ.

Feb. 10, 1913 Mike Yokel Def. Walter Miller - DQ.

Apr. 3, 1917 John Olin Def. Mort Henderson.

Jan. 24, 1919 Wladek Zbyszko Def. John Olin - UTC.

Feb. 27, 1925 Wladek Zbyszko Def. Charles Leppanen - UTC.

June 29, 1934 Bronko Nagurski Def. Ben Baad, Cliff Olson Def.
George Koverly, Barney Cosneck Drew Al Loset, Milo Steinborn
Drew Andy Moen.

June 12, 1935 Bronko Nagurski Drew Hal Rumberg, Lou Plummer
Def. Jack Warner, Joe Marsh Def. Alford Johnson, Stan Mayslack
Referee - Harold "Red" Hanson promoter at this point in time
in Duluth.

June 19, 1935 Lou Plummer Def. Hal Rumberg, Darna
Ostapovich(later known as Barney "Chest" Bernard) Drew Alford
Johnson, Andy Moen Def. George Harben, Wayne Vincent Referee.

June 26, 1935 Lou Plummer Def. Hal Rumberg - DQ, Sol Slagel
Def. Frankie French, Alford Johnson Def. Andy Moen, Stan Mayslack
Referee.

Jan. 13, 1941 RAY STEELE(WORLD) Def. Rudy Strongberg, Walter
Polodolak(AKA Golden Superman) Def. Andy Moen. ✓

June 26, 1941 Battle Royal with: Mae Young, Nell Stewart,
Rose Evans, Ann Miller, Mae Weston, & Kitty Duvall - Winner
to meet World's Champion Mildred Burke.

Jan. 7, 1946 Bronko Nagurski Def. Bill Bartush, Dick Shikat
Def. Stan Mayslack, Frank "Tarzan" Hewitt Drew Cal Reese, Attn:
1,600.

Jan. 21, 1946 Dick Shikat Def. Otto Kuss - COR, Gene Bowman
Def. Stan Mayslack - DQ, Cal Reese Def. Chief Little Wolf.

Jan. 28, 1946 Otto Kuss Def. Dick Shikat - DQ, Ray Steele Drew
Bill Bartush, Bill Anderson Def. Frank Hewitt.

Feb. 4, 1946 Otoo Kuss Def. Reginald Siki, Bill Bartush Def.
George Schnabel, Stan Mayslack Def. Tommy King.

Feb. 11, 1946 Bill Kuusisto Drew Otto Kuss, Bill Bartush Def.
Reginald Siki, Stan Mayslack Def. Frank Hewitt.



Feb. 18, 1946 Otto Kuss Def. Bill Bartush - Reverse Decision,
Reginald Siki Def. Stan Mayslack - COR, Cal Reese Def. George
"Wildcat" Pete.

Feb. 25, 1946 Otto Kuss Def. Bill Bartush, Reginald Siki Def.
Ivan "The Terrible" Mikoloff, Cal Reese Def. Hubert Gagne.

Mar. 4, 1946 Otto Kuss Def. Reginald Siki, Bill Bartush Def.
Cal Reese, Hubert Gagne Def. Bill Gillette.

Mar. 11, 1946 Bill Kuusisto Drew Otto Kuss, Reginald Siki Def.
Stan Mayslack - DQ, Cal Reese Def. Ivan Mikoloff.

Mar. 18, 1946 Bill Kuusisto vs. Otto Kuss - NC, John Thiry
Def. Ivan Mikoloff - DQ, Reginald Siki Def. Chief Little Wolf.

Mar. 25, 1946 Bill Bartush Def. Otto Kuss, Reginald Siki Def.
Cal Reese, John Thiry Def. Chief Little Wolf.

Apr. 1, 1946 Otto Kuss Def. Bill Bartush - DQ, Reginald Siki
Def. Don Koch, Abe Yourist Def. Cal Reese, Attn: 1,300.

Apr. 8, 1946 Bill Bartush Def. Mike Burnell, Don Eagle Def.
Abe Yourist, Rudy Strongberg Def. Cal Reese.

Apr. 15, 1946 Dick Raines Def. Bill Bartush - COR, Abe Yourist
Def. Reginald Siki, Mike Burnell Def. Chief Little Wolf.

Apr. 22, 1946 Bronko Nagurski Def. Bill Bartush, Rudy Strongberg
Def. Reginald Siki, Stan Mayslack Drew Abe Yourist.

Apr. 29, 1946 Otto Kuss Def. Mike Burnell, Don Eagle Def.
Reginald Siki, Rudy Strongberg Drew Abe Yourist.

May 6, 1946 Bronko Nagurski Drew Otto Kuss, Ray Steele Def.
Rudy Strongberg - DQ, Mike Burnell Def. Abe Yourist, Attn: 1,100.

May 13, 1946 Dick Raines Def. Bill Bartush, Rudy Strongberg
Drew Mike Burnell, Stan Mayslack Drew Abe Yourist, Attn: 1,300.

May 20, 1946 Dick Raines Def. Rudy Strongberg - DQ, Don Eagle
Def. Eric Holmback(AKA Yukon Eric), Abe Yourist Drew Steve Kozak.

May 27, 1946 Dick Raines Def. Rudy Strongberg, Stan Mayslack
Def. Eric Holmback, Tommy King Drew Frank Taylor.

June 3, 1946 Otto Kuss Def. Dick Raines - DQ, Bill Kuusisto
Drew Rudy Strongberg, Bill Bartush Def. Stan Mayslack.

June 10, 1946 Bill Kuusisto Def. Bill Bartush - DQ, Otto Kuss
Def. Rudy Strongberg, Johnny Seals Def. Chief Little Wolf.

June 17, 1946 Bill Kuusisto Drew Otto Kuss, Frank Taylor Def.
Rudy Strongberg - DQ, Eric Holmback Drew Cal Reese.



Sept. 23, 1946 Otto Kuss Def. Andy Moen, Joe Pazandak Def.
Tommy Angelo, Hubert Gagne Def. Chief Little Wolf - DQ.

Oct. 7, 1946 Joe Pazandak Def. Andy Moen, Stan Mayslack Def.
Green Dragon - DQ, John Thirg Def. Bob Ertzel.

Oct. 14, 1946 Cliff Gustafson Def. Mike Burnell, Green Dragon
Def. Stan Mayslack, Gene Bowman Drew Johnny Marrs, Attn: 450.

Oct. 21, 1946 Dr. Len Hall vs. Green Dragon - NC, Johnny Marrs
Def. Mike Burnell, Tom Rice Def. Gabe Zeller.

Oct. 28, 1946 Dr. Len Hall Def. Johnny Marrs, Green Dragon
Drew Tom Rice, Tom Bradley Drew Mike Burnell.

Nov. 4, 1946 Green Dragon Def. Bill Bartush - DQ, Dr. Len Hall
Def. Mike Burnell, Stan Mayslack Def. Tony Angelo, Attn: 1,300.

Nov. 11, 1946 Dr. Len Hall Def. Jay Turner, Ann LaVerne Def.
June Byers, Jack Hader Def. Charley Harben, Attn: 1,500.

Nov. 18, 1946 SANDOR SZABO(WORLD) Def. Jack Hader - DEC., Dr.
Len Hall Def. Tom Bradley, Johnny Marrs Drew Jay Turner.

Nov. 25, 1946 SANDOR SZABO(WORLD) Def. Bill Bartush, Dr. Len
Hall Def. Stan Mayslack, Tom Rice Def. Charles Harben.

Dec. 2, 1946 Bronko Nagurski Def. Green Dragon - COR, Dr. Len
Hall Def. Andy Moen, Tom Bradley Def. Jay Turner.

Dec. 9, 1946 SANDOR SZABO(WORLD) Def. Green Dragon(Unmasked
as Leif Erickson), Dr. Len Hall Drew Tom Rice, Mike Burnell
Def. Charles Harben.

Dec. 16, 1946 DR. LEN HALL(WORLD) Def. Tom Rice, Johnny Marrs
Drew Mike Burnell, Cal Reese Def. Charles Harben.

Jan. 6, 1947 Abe Kashey Def. Reginald Siki, Bill Kuusisto Def.
Frank Hewitt, George Gordienko Drew Tom Bradley.

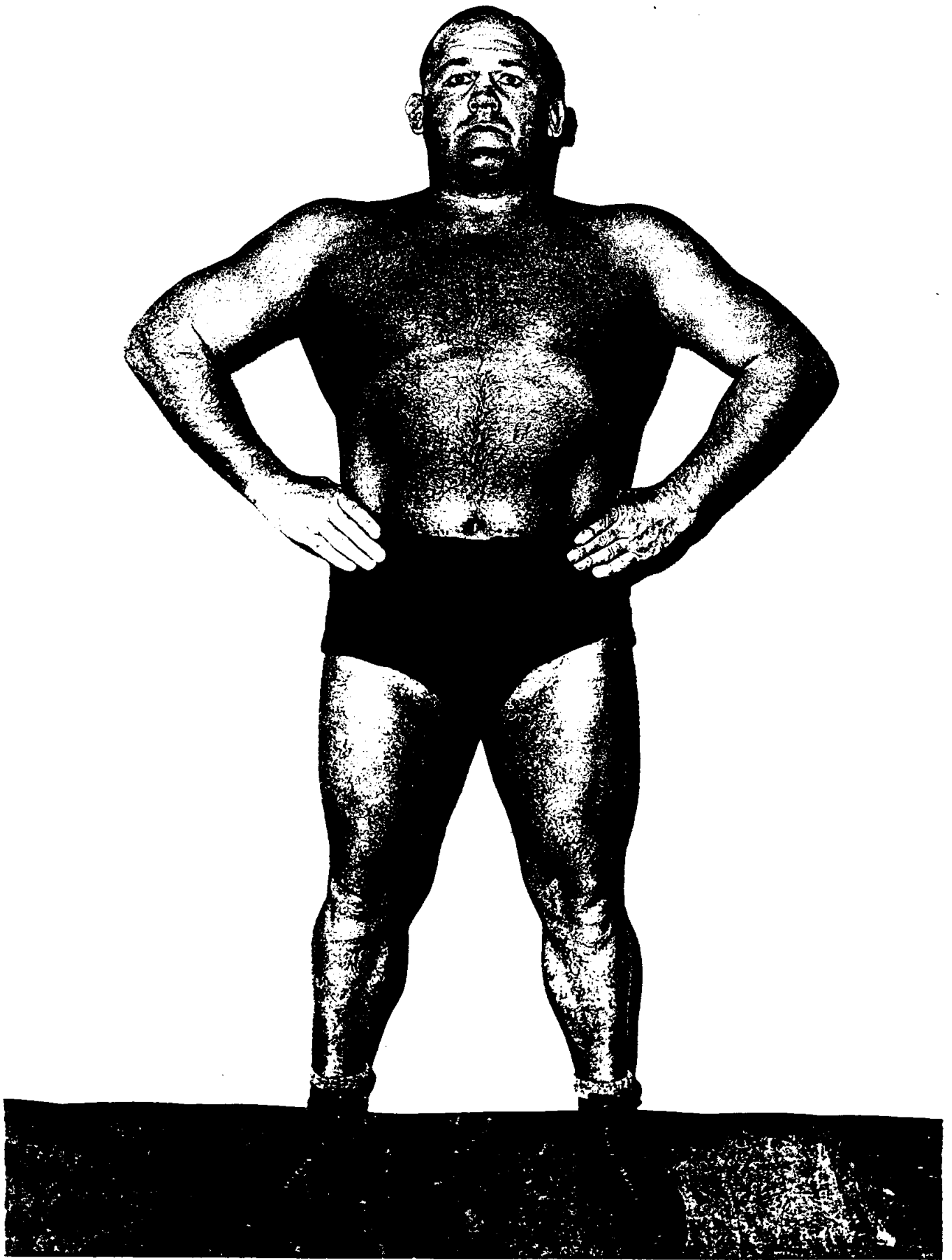
Jan. 13, 1947 Abe Kashey Def. Tom Bradley, Bill Kuusisto Def.
Stan Mayslack, George Gordienko Drew Johnny Marrs.

Jan. 21, 1947 Bill Kuusisto Def. Stan Mayslack, Abe Kashey
Def. Mike Burnell, George Gordienko Def. Don Koch - DQ.

Feb. 3, 1947 Hans Kaempfer Def. Abe Kashey - DQ, Joe Pazandak
Def. Reginald Siki, George Gordienko Def. Chief Little Wolf.

Feb. 10, 1947 Abe Kashey Def. Stan Mayslack, Andy Moen Drew
Johnny Marrs, George Gordienko Def. Tom Bradley.

Feb. 17, 1947 Ken Fenelon Def. Abe Kashey - DQ, George Gordienko
Def. Any Moen, Tom Bradley Drew Johnny Marrs.



DR. LEN HALL

Feb. 24, 1947 Cliff Gustafson Def. Abe Kashey, Rube Wright
Def. Andy Moen, George Gordienko Def. Reginald Siki, Attn: 1,400.

Mar. 3, 1947 Otto Kuss Def. Leif Erickson, Rube Wright Def.
Abe Kashey - DEC., George Gordienko Drew Johnny Marrs.

Mar. 14, 1947 Rube Wright Def. Abe Kashey, Kitty Duval Def.
Helen Hild, Johnny Marrs Drew Cal Reese.

Mar. 24, 1947 George Gordienko Def. Cal Reese, Rube Wright
Drew Pat Fraley, Johnny Marrs Def. Jack Paige.

Mar. 31, 1947 Pat Fraley Def. Rube Wright, Ray Steele Def.
Johnny Marrs, Andy Moen Def. Tom Bradley.

Apr. 7, 1947 Joe Pazandak Drew Rube Wright, George Gordienko
Def. Andy Moen, Johnny Marrs Def. Jack Paige.

Apr. 14, 1947 George Gordienko Def. Earl Wampler - COR, Andy
Moen Drew Johnny Marrs, Cal Reese Def. Jack Paige.

Apr. 21, 1947 Bronko Nagurski Def. Rube Wright, Earl Wampler
Def. Johnny Marrs, Andy Moen Def. Tom Bradley, Attn: 1,100.

Apr. 28, 1947 CLIFF GUSTAFSON(WORLD) Def. Earl Wampler, Joe
Pazandak Def. Rube Wright, Cal Reese Drew Leo Jensen.

May 12, 1947 Dick Raines Def. Earl Wampler, George Gordienko
Def. Tom Bradley, Andy Moen Drew Johnny Marrs.

May 26, 1947 Bill Kuusisto vs. Dick Raines - NC, Frank Taylor
Def. Andy Moen, Johnny Marrs Def. Tom Bradley.

June 2, 1947 CLIFF GUSTAFSON(WORLD) Def. Joe Savoldi, Bill
Kuusisto Def. Frank Taylor, Johnny Marrs Def. Tony Angelo.

June 16, 1947 Bill Kuusisto Def. Dick Raines - DQ, Joe Pazandak
Def. Frank Taylor, Johnny Marrs Def. Andy Moen - DQ.

Oct. 13, 1947 Cliff Gustafson Def. Chief Saunooke - DQ, Bill
Kuusisto Def. Don Koch, Bob Etzler Drew Joe Valento.

Oct. 20, 1947 Bronko Nagurski Def. Chief Saunooke, Bill Kuusisto
Def. Don Koch, Karl Gray Drew Gino Vagnone.

Oct. 27, 1947 George Gordienko Def. Ken Fenelon, Joe Pazandak
Drew Gino Vagnone, Don Koch Def. Joe Valento.

Nov. 3, 1947 Dick Raines Def. Gino Vagnone - DQ, Abe Kashey
Def. Danny Fenelon(AKA Art Bull), Karl Gray Def. Ted Tourtas.

Nov. 10, 1947 Dick Raines Def. Gino Vagnone, Abe Kashey Drew
Eric Holmback, Karl Gray Drew Danny Fenelon.



ABE "KING KONG" KASHEY

Nov. 17, 1947 Joe Pazandak Def. Abe Kashey - DQ, Dick Raines Def. Andy Moen, Gino Vagnone Def. Ted Tourtas.

Nov. 24, 1947 Cliff Gustafson Def. Gino Vagnone, Abe Kashey Drew Ken Fenelon, Ted Tourtas Def. Andy Moen - DQ.

Dec. 1, 1947 George Temple Def. Dick Raines, Joe Pazandak Def. Ken Fenelon, Otto Kuss Def. Andy Moen.

Dec. 8, 1947 Dick Raines Def. George Temple, Joe Pazandak Drew Otto Kuss, Steve Kozak Def. Ted Tourtas.

Jan. 5, 1948 Otto Kuss Def. Mike Browning - DQ, Bill Kuusisto Drew Joe Pazandak(Sub for Carlos Rodriguez), Polo Cordova(Aka Juan Hernandez) Def. Andy Moen - Roy McClarty, a senior at the time at Duluth Colorain High School was a sub for Wally Karbo as referee.)

Jan. 19, 1948 Steve Casey Def. Fred Blassie, Otto Kuss Def. Gino Vagnone, Johnny Moochy Def. Carlos Rodriguez - DQ.

Feb. 2, 1948 Otto Kuss Def. Mike Browning, Fred Blassie Def. Carlos Rodriguez, Johnny Moochy Def. Johnny Marrs, Hubert Gagne referee.

Feb. 23, 1948 Steve Casey Def. Lucky Simunovich, Mike Browning Def. Johnny Marrs, Tug Carlson(AKA Lord Leslie Carlton) Def. Olaf Olson(AKA Swedish Angel.)

Apr. 5, 1948 Lew Laird Def. Frank Marconi - DQ, Steve Casey Drew Antone "Ripper" Leone, Polo Cordova Drew Faro Renaldo(Sub for Mike Browning), Hubert Gagne referee.

Apr. 26, 1948 Otto Kuss Def. Lew Laird, Tug Carlson Def. Antone Leone, Frank Marconi Def. Karl Gray.

May 3, 1948 Dick Raines Def. Frank Marconi, Tug Carlson Def. Andy Moen, Karl Gray Def. Joe Valento, Hubert Gagne referee.

May 14, 1948 BRONKO NAGURSKI(WORLD) Def. Lucky Simunovich, Violet Viann Def. Gladys Galento, Frank Marconi(Sub for Polo Cordova) Def. Karl Gray, Capacity crowd.

June 2, 1948 Bronko Nagurski Def. Abe Kashey(Nagurski subbed for Sandor Szabo, who immediately left for the West Coast after winning the World's Title in Minneapolis on June 1st), George Gordienko Def. Lucky Simunovich, Johnny Moochy Def. Frank Taylor - DQ(Moochy received a broken nose during bout.)

Oct. 11, 1948 Dr. Len Hall Def. Lou Sjoberg(Duluth native later known as Karl Von Schober), Abe Kashey Def. Dutch Howlett(AKA Hans Mortier - fans rioted after the bout, chasing Abe into ticket office), Jack Pesek Drew Johnny Marrs(Sub for Carlos Rodriguez), Wally Karbo Referee - Attn: 900.



LUCKY SIMUNOVICH

Oct. 25, 1948 Abe Kashey Def. Dutch Howlett, Dr. Len Hall Def.
Tom Casey, Steve Casey Def. Polo Cordova, John Thierg Referee.

Nov. 8, 1948 Abe Kashey Def. Ali Baba, Dr. Len Hall Def. Dutch
Howlett, Lou Sjoberg Def. Jack Guy, Johnny Marrs Referee.

Nov. 22, 1948 Bronko Nagurski Def. Steve Casey, Therese Theis
Def. June Byers(Sub for Nell Stewart), Lou Sjoberg Def. Tom
Bradley, Attn: 1,500.

Dec. 22, 1948 Lou Sjoberg Def. Dutch Howlett(After match
promoter John Gallop told the referee that the bout should
continue as it was supposed to be a one hour time limit, and
Lou won with a pin in 14:00), Joe Pazandak Def. Stan Mayslack(Sub
for Fred Blassie), Johnny Marrs Def. Paul Sparks, Hub Gagne
Referee.

Jan. 10, 1949 Cliff Gustafson Def. Bobby Roberts, Pete Managoff
Def. Stan Mayslack - DQ, Charlie Harben Def. Fred Wright.

Jan. 24, 1949 Abe Kashey Def. Pete Managoff, Bobby Roberts
Def. Everett Anderson, Jack Pesek Def. Charlie Harben.

Feb. 3, 1949 Abe Kashey Def. Pete Managoff - DQ, Joe Pazandak
Def. Bobby Roberts, Dutch Howlett Def. Charley Harben.

Feb. 11, 1949 Bronko Nagurski vs. Hans Kaempfer, Pete Managoff
vs. Stan Mayslack, Bobby Roberts vs. Charlie Harben - Card
cancelled by snowstorm.

Feb. 21, 1949 Bronko Nagurski Def. Hans Kaempfer, Pete Managoff
Def. Stan Mayslack, Abe Kashey Def. Johnny Moochy, Attn: 1,200.

Mar. 1, 1949 Abe Kashey Drew Pete Managoff, Stan Mayslack Def.
Everett Anderson, Jack Guy Def. Bill Etzler.

Mar. 14, 1949 Cliff Gustafson Def. Ken Kenneth, Pete Managoff
Def. Everett Anderson, Stan Mayslack Drew Johnny Marrs.

Mar. 28, 1949 Cliff Gustafson vs. Dick Raines - NC, Lou Newman
Def. Stan Mayslack, Edmund Zerni Def. Jack Guy.

Apr. 11, 1949 Otto Kuss Def. Dick Raines - DQ, Lou Newman Def.
Ken Kenneth, Johnny Marrs Drew Jack Guy.

Apr. 18, 1949 Cliff Gustafson Drew Lou Newman, Joe Pazandak
Def. Sonny Kurgis, Stan Mayslack Def. Jack Guy.

May 10, 1949 Bronko Nagurski Def. Otto Kuss, Helen Hild Def.
Nell Stewart, Stan Mayslack Drew Sonny Kurgis.

May 23, 1949 Verne Gagne Def. Lou Newman, Abe Kashey Def. Stan
Mayslack, Tom Rice Drew Johnny Long.



"PISTOL" PETE MANAGOFF

June 16, 1949 (Eveleth, MN.) Bronko Nagurski Def. Abe Kashey
Jack Dempsey, Attn: 5,000.

June 30, 1949 Verne Gagne Def. Stan Mayslack, Violet Viann
Def. June Byers, Otto Kuss Drew Frank Taylor, Attn: 1,000.

Oct. 10, 1949 Bronko Nagurski Def. Charro Aztec, Ray Villmer
Def. Tony Verdi, Bob Morgan Def. Paul Stanlee.

Oct. 24, 1949 Bronko Nagurski Def. Ben Morgan, Helen Hild Def.
Dot Dotson, Ray Villmer Def. Charro Aztec, Att: 1,200.

Nov. 7, 1949 Butch Levy Def. Bob Warner - DQ, Johnny Long
Def. Johnny Marrs, Johnny Moochy Drew Jack Guy.

Nov. 21, 1949 Bob Wagner Def. George Temple, Johnny Long Def.
Stan Mayslack, Long(Sub for Felix Miquet) Drew Sterling Robson.

Dec. 19, 1949 Bronko Nagurski Def. Wally Dusek, Lou Sjoberg
Def. Francois Miquet, Stan Mayslack Drew Joe Valento, Attn:
750.

Jan. 4, 1950 Lou Sjoberg Def. Wally Dusek(Sub for Joe Pazandak)
- DQ, June Byers Def. Violet Viann, Stan Mayslack(Sub for Jack
Pesek) Def. Bobby Nelson, Bill Kuusisto Referee.

Jan. 11, 1950 (Not listed in Duluth paper, Location?) Bronko
Nagurski Def. Wally Dusek, Joe Pazandak Def. Ben Sharpe.

Jan. 18, 1950 Lou Sjoberg Def. Wally Dusek, Enrique Torres
Def. Pete Peterson, Ben Sharpe Def. Jim Dobie, Attn: 500.

Feb. 7, 1950 Lou Sjoberg Def. Abe Kashey - DQ, Dick Raines
Def. Wally Dusek, Pete Managoff(Sub for Ben Sharpe) Def. Stan
Dusek, ~~Jack Dempsey~~ Referee. ✓

Mar. 1, 1950 Dick Raines Def. Lou Sjoberg, Stan Mayslack Def.
Everett Anderson, Caifson Johnson Def. Sterling Robson.

Mar. 20, 1950 Pete Managoff Def. Dick Raines, Joe Pazandak
Drew Earl McCready, Johnny Valentine Def. Nick Elitch.

Apr. 5, 1950 Tommy O'Toole Def. Dick Raines - DQ, Mae Weston
Def. Helen Hild, Pete Managoff Drew Earl McCready, Bill Kuusisto
Referee.

Apr. 19, 1950 Leo Nomellini Def. Earl McCready - DQ, Tommy
O'Toole Drew Dick Raines, Abe Kashey Def. Ray Gunkel, Bill
Kuusisto Referee, Attn: 1,100.

Apr. 26, 1950 Bronko Nagurski Def. Earl McCready, Wladek
Kowalski Def. Wally Dusek, Sterling Robson Drew Billy Smith,
(Sub for Joe Pazandak vs. Abe Kashey), Attn: 800.



NAGURSKI

May 16, 1950 Abe Kashey Def. Otto Kuss - UTC, MILDRED
BURKE(WORLD) Def. Mae Weston, Leo Nomellini Def. Ken Fenelon,
Bill Kuusisto Referee, Attn: 1,400.

May 24, 1950 Otto Kuss Def. Abe Kashey - DQ, Leo Nomellini
Def. Tommy O'Toole, Bobby Bruns Def. Stan Mayslack, Bill Kuusisto
Referee.

Sept. 20, 1950 Gorgeous George Def. Stu Hart, Verne Gagne Drew
Tommy O'Toole, Otto Kuss Def. Howard Cantonwine, Attn: 1,700.

Oct. 3, 1950 Bronko Nagurski Def. Iron Stanislaw Talun, Sky
Low Low Def. Pee Wee James, Stu Hart Def. Lou Britton, Attn:
1,000. M

Oct. 16, 1950 Bronko Nagurski Def. Dick Raines, Iron Stanislaw
Talun Def. Stan Mayslack, Matt Murphy Def. Caifson Johnson.

Oct. 23, 1950 Wladek Kowalski Def. Abe Kashey, Stu Hart Def.
Ole Olson, Matt Murphy Drew Tommy O'Toole.

Nov. 10, 1950 Hans Schnabel Def. Roy McClarty, Nell Stewart
Def. Mars Bennett, Caifson Johnson(Sub for Matt Murphy) Drew
Ole Olson.

Nov. 20, 1950 Hans Schnabel Def. Roy McClarty, Lou Sjoberg
Drew Abe Kashey, Con Bruno Drew Ole Olson.

Nov. 29, 1950 Gorgeous George Def. Lou Sjoberg, Roy McClarty
Drew Joe Pazandak(Sub for Abe Kashey), Matt Murphy Def. Howard
Cantonwine, Murphy referee for main event.

Dec. 11, 1950 Ali Bey Def. Abe Kashey - DQ, Lou Sjoberg Drew
Roy McClarty, Hans Hermann Def. Warren Bockwinkel, Bill Kuusisto
Referee.

Dec. 27, 1950 Bronko Nagurski Def. Hans Hermann - COR, Joe
Pazandak Def. Roy McClarty - COR, Con Bruno Drew Ole Olson(Sub
for Stan Mayslack vs. Sonny West.)

Jan. 12, 1951 Joe Pazandak vs. Roy McClarty(Match stopped ny
fan riot that lasted 30 minutes!), Ivan Kameroff Def. Stu Hart,
Johnny Moochy Def. Con Bruno - DQ, Joe Valento Referee.

Jan. 22, 1951 Primo Carnera Def. Joe Pazandak - DQ, Roy McClarty
Drew Ivan Kameroff, Red Bastien(Sub for Con Bruno) Def. Bobby
Coleman, Bill Kuusisto Referee.

Feb. 6, 1951 Pat O'Connor & Roy McClarty Def. Joe Pazaqndak
& Ivan Kameroff, Red Bastien Drew Con Bruno.

Feb. 19, 1951 Joe Pazandak Def. Hans Hermann, Roy McClarty
Def. Ivan Kameroff - DQ, Bob Geigel Drew Con Bruno(Sub for Ras
Samara), Bill Kuusisto Referee.



GORGEOUS GEORGE

Feb. 26, 1951 Pat O'Connor & Roy McClarty Def. Ivan Kameroff
& Stan Mayslack, Bob Arndorff Def. Bob Etzler(Sub for Sterling
Robson.)

Mar. 12, 1951 George Bollas Def. Pat O'Connor, Ella Waldek
Def. Ann LaVerne, Ivan Kameroff Def. Steve Kozak, Bill Kuusisto
Referee.

Mar. 19, 1951 George Bollas Def. Pat O'Connor, MILDRED
BURKE(WORLD) Def. Ella Waldek, Ivan Kameroff Def. Con Bruno.

Apr. 2, 1951 Verne Gagne & Pat O'Connor Def. George Bollas
& Hans Hermann, Steve Gob Def. Tony Angelo, Bill Kuusisto
Referee.

Apr. 9, 1951 Verne Gagne & Pat O'Connor Def. George Bollas
& Abe Kashey, Ray Gunkel Drew Steve Gob, Attn: 1,000.

Apr. 16, 1951 Verne Gagne & Leo Nomellini Def. George Bollas
& Stan Mayslack - DQ, Lou Sjoberg Def. Frank Marconi, Bill
Kuusisto Referee.

Apr. 30, 1951 Pat O'Connor & Leo Nomellini Def. Abe Kashey
& Hans Hermann, Lou Sjoberg Drew Steve Gob, Attn: 700.

May 7, 1951 Pat O'Connor & Leo Nomellini Drew George Bollas
& Dick Raines, Abe Kashey Drew Steve Gob, Bobby Murdock Def.
Don Murdock(brothers from Ashland, WI.), Bill Kuusisto Referee.

May 15, 1951 Otto Kuss Def. Dick Raines - DQ, Tiny Roe Def.
Tom Thumb, Pat O'Connor Drew Abe Kashey, Jack Britton Referee.

May 21, 1951 Dick Raines & George Bollas Def. Pat O'Connor
& Otto Kuss, Carol Cook Def. Dotson.

June 25, 1951 Bronko Nagurski Def. Jack Pesek, Nell Stewart
Def. Carol Cook, Butch Levy Drew Otto Kuss, Attn: 1,200.

Sept. 17, 1951 VERNE GAGNE(NWA JR.) Def. Tommy Martindale,
Butch Levy Def. Johnny Moochy, Bobo Brazil Def. Stan Mayslack.

Sept. 24, 1951 Gorgeous George Def. Roy McClarty, Butch Levy
Def. Howard Cantonwine, Joe Valento Def. Steve Druk, Jack Morgan
Referee.

Oct. 1, 1951 Jack Dillon Def. Roy McClarty, Donna Marie
Dickman(Sub for Dot Dotson) Def. Nell Stewart, Pat O'Connor
Def. Stan Mayslack(Sub for Bobo Brazil), Bill Kuusisto Referee.

Oct. 8, 1951 Roy McClarty Def. Jack Dillon, Carol Cook Def.
Dot Dotson - DQ, Pat O'Connor Def. Ali Pasha, Jack Morgan
Referee.



GEORGE BOLLAS

Oct. 22, 1951 Pat O'Connor & Roy McClarty Def. Jack Dillon
& Abe Zvonkin, Ali Pasha Def. Joe Corbett.

Oct. 29, 1951 Chest Bernard & Abe Zvonkin Def. Roy McClarty
& Jack Pesek - COR, Stan Mayslack Def. Jack Dillon, Jack Morgan
Referee.

Nov. 19, 1951 Pat O'Connor & Roy McClarty Def. Chest Bernard
& Abe Zvonkin, Wladek Kowalski Def. Hans Schmidt.

Dec. 3, 1951 Bronko Nagurski Def. The French Angel, Roy McClarty
vs. Tiny Mills - NC, Pat O'Connor Def. Johnny Moochy, Bill
Kuusisto Referee, SRO.

Dec. 17, 1951 Roy McClarty Def. Great Togo - DQ, Pat O'Connor
Drew Tiny Mills, The Mystery Man(Most likely Firpo Zbyszko)
Def. Dick Trout, Bill Kuusisto Referee, Attn: 1,100.

✓ Jan. 7, 1952 Pat O'Connor & Roy McClarty Def. Tiny Mills &
Firpo Zbyszko - DQ, Therese Theis(Sub for Mary Jane Mull) Def.
Ruth Boatcallie, Bill Kuusisto Referee, Attn: 1,100.

Jan. 14, 1952 Tiny Mills Def. Little Fox(AKA Lone Eagle), Mary
Jane Mull Def. Therese Theis, Tarzan Ed White(Sub for Stu Hart)
Drew Jim "Goon" Henry, Attn: 300(Very cold weather!!)

Jan. 21, 1952 Bronko Nagurski Def. Slim Zimbleman, Tiny Mills
Def. Little Fox, Tarzan Ed White Drew Firpo Zbyszko.

Feb. 5, 1952 Pat O'Connor & Pat McGill Def. Tiny Mills & Jim
"Goon" Henry, George Bollas Def. Ali Pasha.

Feb. 18, 1952 The Mighty Atlas Def. Jim "Goon" Henry, Fred
Von Schacht Def. Bearcat Wright, Ramona Rundquist Def. Gloria
Wauhazel, SRO.

Mar. 3, 1952 Tiny Mills & Fred Von Schacht Def. Pat O'Connor
& Pat McGill, Bearcat Wright Drew Firpo Zbyszko.

Mar. 17, 1952 Bronko Nagurski Def. Tiny Mills - DQ, Roy McClarty
Def. Ali Pasha, Bearcat Wright Drew Matt Murphy, Jack Morgan
Referee, Attn: 1,000.

Mar. 31, 1952 Roy McClarty & Jack Pesek Def. Chest Bernard
& Rebel Russell, Lily Bitter(Sub for Millie Stafford) Def. June
Byers, Attn: 1,400.

Apr. 7, 1952 The Mighty Atlas Def. Roy McClarty, Jack Pesek
Drew Chest Bernard, Pesek Def. Ali Pasha(Pesek subbed for Bearcat
Wright, whose car blew a tire on the way to Duluth. Atlas was
a passenger in the car and he hitchhiked the res of the way!),
Attn: 800.



PAT O'CONNOR

Apr. 14, 1952 Roy McClarty & Jack Pesek Def. Chest Bernard
& Fred Von Schacht, Don Beitleman(Don Curtis) Drew Rebel Russell,
Attn: 500.

Apr. 22, 1952 Dick Raines Def. Bronko Nagurski - COR, Don
Beitleman Def. Firpo Zbyszko - DQ, Bearcat Wright(Sub for Matt
Murphy) Drew Johnny Moochy, Bill Kuusisto Referee.

May 12, 1952 Tiny Mills & Rebel Russell vs. Mike Mazurki &
Don Beitleman, Farmer Don Marlin vs. Don Papaleo.

May 26, 1952 Tiny Mills(Sub for Dick Raines) Def. Otto Kuss,
June Byers Def. Terry Majors, Farmer Don Marlin Def. Chris
Tolos(Sub for Rebel Russell) - DQ, Ali Pasha Referee, Attn:
850.

Sept. 8, 1952 Roy McClarty & Otto Kuss vs. Hard Boiled Haggerty
& Joe Pazandak - NC, Stan Mayslack Def. Bearcat Wright.

Sept. 22, 1952 Paul Baillargeon Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty -
DQ, Otto Kuss Drew Joe Pazandak, Roy McClarty Def. Stan Mayslack.

Oct. 1, 1952 VERNE GAGNE(U.S.) Def. Ivan Kameroff, Mike
Paidousis Def. Danny Pleachas - DQ, Angelo Martinelli Drew Stan
Mayslack, Bill Kuusisto Referee.

Oct. 13, 1952 Roy McClarty & Paul Baillargeon Def. Hard Boiled
Haggerty & Ivan Kameroff - DQ, Angelo Martinelli Drew Mike
Platt(Sub for Mike Paidousis), Bill Kuusisto Referee.

Oct. 27, 1952 Tiny Mills & The Golden Terror Def. Otto Kuss
& Pete Managoff, Bob Leipler(AKA Duke Hoffman) Drew Firpo
Zbyszko.

Editor's notes: Bearcat Wright boxed in a prelim bout on the
Nov. 7th card headlined by Jackie Graves vs. Elmo Miller.
Promoter Joe Gallop died on November 9th and his nephew Sam
Gallop took over as the new Duluth wrestling promoter.

X

Nov. 21, 1952 Hard Boiled Haggerty(Sub for Bronko Nagurski)
Def. Pete Managoff, Carol Cook & Violet Viann Def. Mars Benett
& Ruth Boatcallie, Attn: 1,000.

Dec. 2, 1952 Tiny & Al Mills Def. Butch Levy & Paul Baillargeon,
Mike Paidousis Drew Len Hughes.

Dec. 21, 1952 Hard Boiled Haggerty & Len Hughes Def. Paul
Baillargeon & Jackie Nichols, Shirley Strimple Def. Lavon Hart
- DQ, Attn: 800.

Jan. 9, 1953 Bronko Nagurski & Mike Paidousis vs. Hard Boiled
Haggerty & Len Hughes, Bob Leipler vs. Stan Mayslack.



BEARCAT WRIGHT

Jan. 28, 1953 Paul Baillargeon Def. Al Mills - DQ, Hard Boiled Haggerty Drew Kenny Ackles, Kinji Shibuya Def. Ronnie Etchison.

Feb. 6, 1953 Butch Levy & Reggie Lisowski Def. Stan Mayslack & Chest Bernard(Sub for Kinji Shibuya), Shirley Strimple Def. Ramona Hazel, Attn: 1,000.

Feb. 20, 1953 Butch Levy & Kenny Ackles vs. Hard Boiled Haggerty & Kinji Shibuya, Bob Leipler vs. Al Mills(Card cancelled due to severe snowstrom.)

Feb. 26, 1953 Butch Levy Def. Kinji Shibuya(Bronko Nagurski Referee), Ivan Rasputin Def. Kenny Ackles, Red Bastien Drew Firpo Zbyszko, Attn: 1,100.

Mar. 6, 1953 Paul Baillargeon & Pat McGill Def. Kinji Shibuya & Len Hughes, Cora Combs Def. Terry Majors, SRO.

Mar. 13, 1953 Tiny & Al Mills Def. Butch Levy & Paul Baillargeon, Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Stan Mayslack.

Mar. 20, 1953 Bronko Nagurski Def. Ike Eakins, Butch Levy Def. Tiny Mills - DQ, Pat McGill Drew Stan Mayslack, Attn: 1,000.

Mar. 28, 1953 Bronko Nagurski Def. Don Leo Jonathan, Betty Hawkins Def. Ella Waldek, Paul Baillargeon Def. Bob Leipler, Attn: 1,000.

Apr. 3, 1953 Tiny & Al Mills vs. Farmer Don Marlin & Jack Pesek, Ike Eakins vs. Don Leo Jonathan.

Apr. 10, 1953 Pat O'Connor Def. Al Mills, Paul Baillargeon Def. Ike Eakins - DQ, Adrian Baillargeon Def. Pete Managoff, SRO.

Apr. 17, 1953 Farmer Don Marlin Def. Tiny Mills - DQ, MILDRED BURKE(WORLD) Def. Cora Combs, Butch Levy Def. Al Mills, Bill Kuusisto Referee, SRO(1,300.)

Apr. 25, 1953 Paul & Adrian Baillargeon vs. Hard Boiled Haggerty & Len Hughes, Therese Theis vs. Cora Combs.

May 1, 1953 Tiny & Al Mills Def. Paul & Adrian Baillargeon, Lionel Baillargeon Def. Stan Mayslack - DQ, Attn: 800.

May 8, 1953 Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Farmer Don Marlin, Paul Baillargeon Def. Ike Eakins, Tony Baillargeon Drew Jack Pesek, Stan Mayslack Referee, Attn: 600.

May 15, 1953 Tony Baillargeon Def. Jack Pesek, Farmer Don Marlin Def. Stan Mayslack, Mighty Schultz Def. Fuzzy Cupid(Sub for Pee Wee James.)

M



FARMER JONES AND FARMER MARLIN

May 29, 1953 Butch Levy & Farmer Don Marlin Def. Tiny & Al Mills, Jim Morgan Def. Joe Snyder.

June 9, 1953 Primo Carnera Def. Al Mills, Butch Levy Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty - DQ, Mike Clancy Def. Hardy Kruskamp, Stan Mayslack Referee.

June 19, 1953 Pat O'Connor & Farmer Don Marlin Def. By DQ Tiny & Al Mills, Stan Mayslack Def. Dick Stepp(Sub for Ike Eakins), Bill Kuusisto Referee.

Oct. 2, 1953 Vic Holbrook Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty - DQ, Little Beaver & Tuffy McCrea Def. Fuzzy Cupid & Carl Krueger, Farmer Jones Def. Lou Britton, Attn: 900. M

Oct. 16, 1953 Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Chest Bernard, Kinji Shibuya Def. Vic Holbrook, Dick Holbrook(AKA Mike Lane) Def. Frank Marconi, Bill Kuusisto Referee, Attn: 600.

Oct. 24, 1953 Hard Boiled Haggerty & Joe Pazandak Def. Farmer Jones & Vic Holbrook, Lu Kim Def. Frank Marconi, Attn: 800.

Oct. 31, 1953 Paul Baillargeon & Farmer Jones Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty & Lou Pitoscia, Mike Clancy Drew Jack Dorfman.

Nov. 6, 1953 Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Billy McDaniels, Kinji Shibuya Def. Farmer Jones, Dick Holbrook Def. Frank Marconi.

Nov. 20, 1953 Kinji Shibuya Def. Vic Holbrook, Dick Holbrook Def. Marv Wasson, Stan Mayslack Def. Farmer Jones, Dick Stepp Referee.

No. 27, 1953 Roy McClarty & Tony Baillargeon Def. By DQ Joe Pazandak & Kinji Shibuya, Lu Kim Def. Jan Gotch, Vic Holbrook Referee.

Dec. 5, 1953 Tony Baillargeon Def. Kinji Shibuya, Jean Baillargeon vs. The Mighty Ursus - NC, George Scott Drew Stan Mayslack, Vic Holbrook Referee, Attn: 500.

Dec. 11, 1953 Roy McClarty & Vic Holbrook Def. Joe Pazandak & Man Mountain Dean Jr., Jean Baillargeon Def. The Mighty Ursus.

Dec. 18, 1953 Vic Holbrook Def. Man Mountain Dean Jr., Jean Baillargeon Def. Dick Holbrook, Princess Ramona Def. Delores DeWitt, Attn: 700.

Jan. 9, 1954 Bronko Nagurski & Jean Baillargeon Drew Joe Pazandak & Kinji Shibuya, Ethel Brown Def. Ella Waldek - DQ.

Jan. 16, 1954 Bronko Nagurski & Roy McClarty Def. The Mighty Ursus & Abe Kashey, Joe Pazandak Def. Angelo Poffo.



HARD BOILED HAGGERTY & SKY LOW LOW

Jan. 22, 1954 Bronko Nagurski Def. The Mighty Ursus, Roy McClarty Def. George Scott, Axel Cadier Def. Matt Murphy.

Jan. 29, 1954 Paul Baillargeon Def. Hans Hermann, Axel Cadier Def. Angelo Poffo, The Mighty Ursus Def. Matt Murphy.

Feb. 4, 1954 Roy McClarty & Paul Baillargeon Def. Hans Hermann & The Mighty Ursus, Jack Witzig Drew Angelo Poffo.

Feb. 12, 1954 Roy McClarty & Paul Baillargeon Def. Dick Raines & The Mighty Ursus, Kinji Shibuya Def. Matt Murphy.

Feb. 19, 1954 Butch Levy & Paul Baillargeon Def. Fritz Schnabel & Angelo Poffo(Sub for Fritz Von Erich), Poffo Def. Rocky Galup.

Feb. 27, 1954 Joe Pazandak & Dick Raines Def. Bronko Nagurski & Roy McClarty, Angelo Poffo Def. Stan Mayslack, Attn: 1,000.

Mar. 5, 1954 Bronko Nagurski & Butch Levy Def. Abe Kashey & Frank "Tarzan" Hewitt, George Scott Def. Hans Schnabel.

Mar. 12, 1954 Kinji Shibuya & The Mask Def. Butch Levy & Roy McClarty, Levy(Sub for Abe Zvonkin) Def. Dick Raines - DQ
Editor's Note: The Mask was Jim "Bull" Wright, yet for some reason was billed as Len Montana when unmasked!!

Mar. 19, 1954 Kinji Shibuya & The Mask Def. Roy McClarty & Dennis Clary, Ella Waldek Def. Ethel Brown.

Mar. 30, 1954 Butch Levy & Roy McClarty Def. By DQ Kinji Shibuya & The Mask, Tony Baillargeon Def. Rocky Galup, Stan Mayslack Referee,(First card promoted on Tuesday so that opener could be televised over WDSM TV.)

Apr. 2, 1954 Paul & Tony Baillargeon Drew Mr. Moto & The Mask, Karl Karlsson Def. Angelo Poffo.

Apr. 6, 1954 Butch Levy & Paul Baillargeon vs. The Mask & Roberto Pico - NC, Dennis Clary Def. Angelo Poffo - DQ, Stan Mayslack Referee.

Apr. 13, 1954 Butch Levy & Paul Baillargeon Def. By DQ The Mask & Roberto Pico, Johnny Moochy Def. Stan Mayslack, Bronko Nagurski Referee, Attn: 1,000.

Apr. 20, 1954 Kinji Shibuya & The Mask Def. Bronko Nagurski & Paul Baillargeon - COR, Roy McClarty Def. Angelo Poffo, SRO, Attn: 1,400.

Apr. 27, 1954 Bronko Nagurski Def. The Mask - DQ(Joe Louis Referee), Butch Levy Def. Roberto Pico, Karl Karlsson Def. Angelo Poffo, Bill Kuusisto prelims referee, Attn: 3,000(Held At Curling Club.)



ANGELO PAFFO

May 4, 1954 Butch Levy & Karl Karlsson Def. Dick Raines & Roberto Pico, Shirley Strimple Def. Deloris DeWitt.

May 11, 1954 The Mask Def. Abe Kashey, Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Dennis Clary, Tony Baillargeon Drew Dick Raines, Bill Kuusisto Referee.

May 18, 1954 Paul Baillargeon & Karl Karlsson Def. By DQ The Mask & Fritz Von Erich, Roy McClarty Def. Juan Hernandez, Butch Levy Referee.

May 25, 1954 Hard Boiled Haggerty vs. The Mask - NC(Bronko Nagurski Referee, The Mask KO'd by a fan), Fritz Von Erich Def. Dennis Clary, Roberto Pico Def. Angelo Poffo, Attn: 1,200.

June 8, 1954 Butch Levy & Karl Karlsson Drew George Bollas & Fritz Von Erich, Dave Sims Def. Sandor Fozo, Stan Mayslack Referee.

June 15, 1954 Tony Baillargeon & Karl Karlsson Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty & Johnny Moochy, The Mask Def. Stan Mayslack & Sandor Fozo, Sam Gallop Referee.

June 30, 1954 Yukon Eric vs. The Mask, Jack Witzig vs. Hard Boiled Haggerty, Tony Baillargeon vs. Sandor Fozo(Card held at Wade Stadium.)

Sept. 14, 1954 Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Aldo Bogni, Shirley Strimple Def. Ramona Waukazo, Johnny Moochy Def. Bill Brookshire, Attn: 500.

Sept. 21, 1954 Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Bob McCune, Tiny Tim & Tito Infante Def. Sky Low Low & Otto Bowman, Danny O'Shea Referee, Attn: 800. M

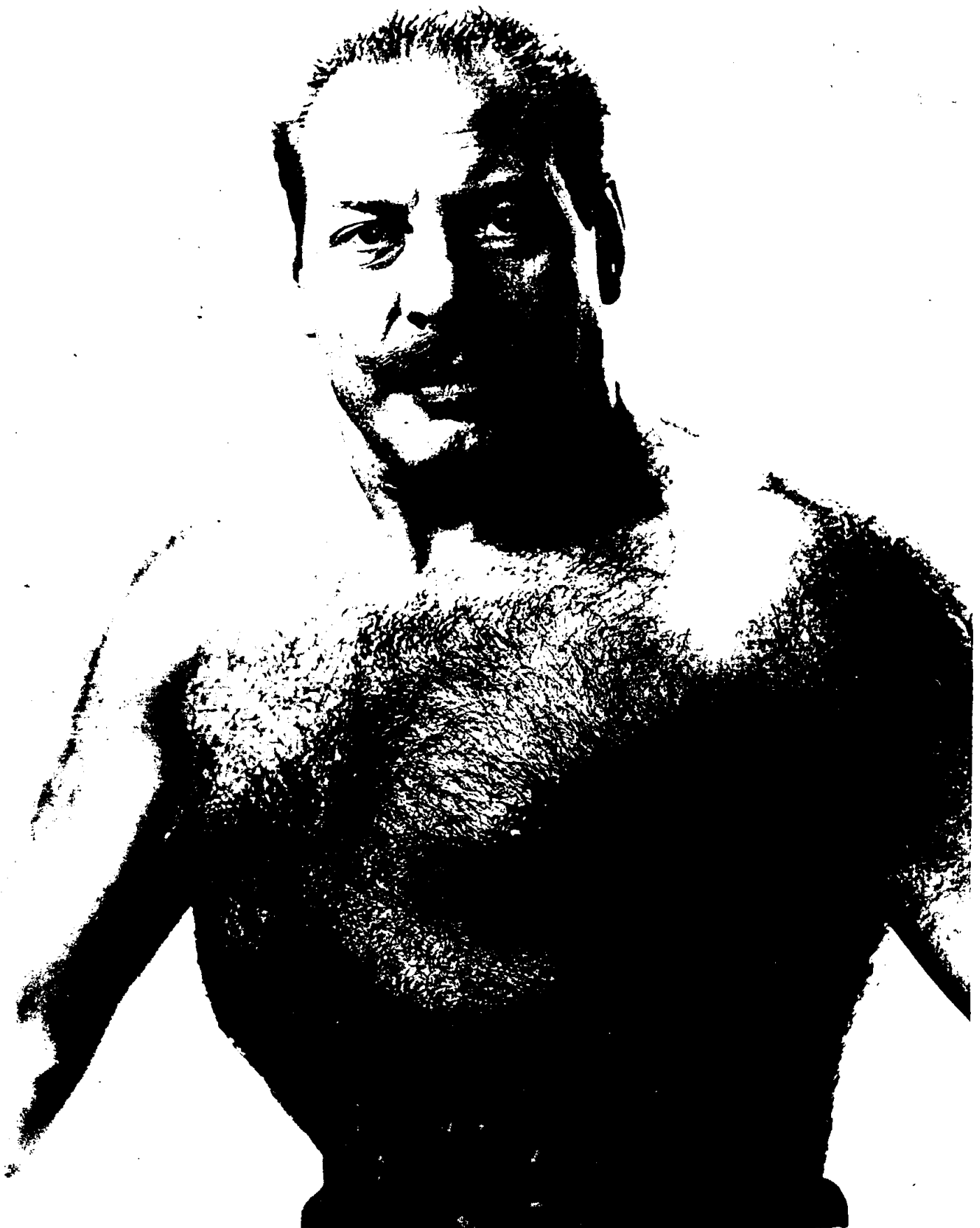
Sept. 28, 1954 Butch Levy & Karl Karlsson Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty & Aldo Bogni, Tom Bradley Def. Johnny Moochy - DQ, Attn: 700.

Oct. 5, 1954 Butch Levy & Malcolm Bremmer Def. Aldo Bogni & Johnny Moochy, Bill Cody Def. Tom Bradley.

Oct. 11, 1954 Hard Boiled Haggerty & El Diablo(AKA Frank Hickey) Def. Butch Levy & Tony Baillargeon, Jack Witzig vs. Lou Klein - NC, Stan Mayslack Referee, Attn: 800.

Oct. 19, 1954 Butch Levy & Jack Witzig Def. Bob McCune & Aldo Bogni, Levy Drew Bogni, Witzig Drew McCune, original card was Levy & Witzig vs. Bogni & El Daiablo, Lou Klein vs. Malcolm Bremmer. Sam Gallop Referee.

Oct. 26, 1954 Johnny Kostas Def. El Diablo - DQ, Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Jack Witzig, Malcolm Bremmer Def. Tom Bradley, Stanley Pinto Referee.



ALDO BOGGI

WF - 32

Nov. 2, 1954 Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Johnny Kostas, Betty Hawkins Def. Barbara Baker, Jack Witzi Def. El Diablo - DQ, Stanley Pinto Referee.

Nov. 9, 1954 Bronko Nagurski & Butch Levy Def. Aldo Bogni & Bill MacMurray, Nell Stewart Def. Ethel Brown, Bill Kuusisto Referee, Attn: 900.

Nov. 16, 1954 Bronko Nagurski Def. Bill MacMurray - COR, Jack Witzig Def. Bill Cody, Malcolm Bremmer Drew El Diablo, Joe Valento Referee.

Nov. 30, 1954 Lu Kim & Jack Witzig Def. Bill MacMurray & El Diablo(Sub for Kinji Shibuya), Mark Lewin Def. Johnny Moochy - COR.

Dec. 14, 1954 Bronko Nagurski & Lu Kim Def. Aldo Bogni & Firpo Zbyszko, Jack Witzig Def. Bill Cody(Sub for Tom Bradley.)

Jan. 8, 1955 Bronko Nagurski & Bruiser Afflis(Sub for Karl Karlsson) Def. Sir Alan Garfield & Firpo Zbyszko, Jack Pesek Def. Stan Mayslack, Joe Valento Referee, Attn: 600.

Jan. 14, 1955 Hard Boiled Haggerty & Jack Pesek Def. By DQ Hans Schnabel & Lou Newman, Penny Banner Def. Millie Stafford.

Jan. 21, 1955 JUNE BYERS & MILLIE STAFFORD(WORLD) Def. Penny Banner & Betty Hawkins, Red Menace(Pedro Godoy) Def. Karl Karlsson.

Jan. 28, 1955 Fred Atkins Def. Guy LaRose(AKA Ovila Asselin, Bobby Brown), Tiny Tim & Tito Infante Def. Otto Bowman & Sky Low Low, Jim Siksay Referee, Attn: 700.

M

Feb. 4, 1955 Butch Levy & Bruiser Afflis Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty & Stan Mayslack(Sub for Firpo Zbyszko), Nick Roberts Def. Lou Newman - DQ, Sam Gallop Referee, Attn: 200(Storm!!!)

Feb. 11, 1955 Butch Levy & Guy LaRose Def. By DQ Hard Boiled Haggerty & Fred Atkins, Jack Pesek Def. Firpo Zbyszko, Attn: 200.

Feb. 21, 1955 Leo Nomellini Def. Dick Raines - DQ, Butch Levy Def. Firpo Zbyszko, Karl Karlson Def. Stan Mayslack.

Feb. 26, 1955 Bronko Nagurski Def. Fred Atkins - DQ, Dick Raines Drew Guy LaRose, Bill George Def. Stan Mayslack(Sub for GregJarque), Joe Valento Referee.

Mar. 4, 1955 Kinji Shibuya & Fred Atkins Def. Butch Levy & Guy LaRose, Dick Raines Def. Son Of Ali Baba, Attn: 400.



Millie Stafford and June Byers, World Champion
tag team Girl Wrestlers

Mar. 11, 1955 Fred Atkins & Red Menace Def. By DQ Hard Boiled Haggerty & Butch Levy, Johnny Kostas Def. Johnny Moochy(Sub for Bruiser Afflis), Joe Valento Referee, Attn: 500.

Mar. 18, 1955 Bronko Nagurski & Ilio DiPaolo Def. By DQ Kinji Shibuya & Fred Atkins, Arnold Skoaland Drew Polo Cordova, Bill Kuusisto Referee, Attn: 500.

Apr. 1, 1955 Paul Baillargeon Def. Dick Raines, Nell Stewart Def. Kathy Branch, Johnny Kostas Def. Son Of Ali Baba(Sub for Bruiser Afflis), Joe Snyder Referee.

Apr. 8, 1955 Kathy Branch & Ida Mae Martinez Def. Nell Stewart & Olga Zapata, Kubla Khan Def. Polo Cordova, Bill Kuusisto Referee, Attn: 1,000+.

Apr. 15, 1955 Ilio DiPaolo & Johnny Kostas(Sub for Guy LaRose) Def. By DQ Bruiser Afflis & Fred Atkins, Red Bastien(Sub for Greg Jarque) Def. Polo Cordova, Joe Valento Referee.

Apr. 22, 1955 Butch Levy Def. Gorgeous George, Paul Baillargeon Drew Joe Pazandak, Al Warshawsky(Sub for Polo Cordova) Def. Greg Jarque, Attn: 500. M?

Apr. 29, 1955 Ilio DiPaolo & Paul Baillargeon Def. Kinji Shibuya & Kubla Khan, Butch Levy Def. Bruiser Afflis.

May 13, 1955 Primo Carnera & Ilio DiPaolo Def. Joe Pazandak & Fred Atkins, Greg Jarque Def. George Bruckman.

May 27, 1955 Leo Nomellini & Ilio DiPaolo Def. By DQ Joe Pazandak & Kinji Shibuya, Jack Pesek Def. Swedish Angel - DQ, Bill Kuusisto Referee.

June 22, 1955 Leo Nomellini & Ilio DiPaolo Def. Joe Pazandak & Kinji Shibuya, Jack Pesek Drew Bruiser Afflis(Sub For Pedro Escobar), Bill Kuusisto & Ike Eakins Referees.

Sept. 16, 1955 Cowboy Bradley & Brown Panther Def. Tom Thumb & Otto Bowman, Nick Roberts Drew Kinji Shibuya, Panther Def. Thumb - DQ. M

Sept. 28, 1955 Yukon Eric & Nick Roberts Def. Chest Bernard & Sky Hi Lee, Red Bastien Def. Stan Kowalski, Roberts Def. Hi Lee - DQ.

Oct. 18, 1955 Tiny Tim & Tito Infante vs. Sky Low Low & Ivan The Terrible, Nick Roberts vs. Chest Bernard, Oni Wiki Wiki vs. Mitsu Arakawa. M

Oct. 25, 1955 Mitsu Arakawa & Aldo Bogni(Sub for Chest Bernard) Def. Nick Roberts & Oni Wiki Wiki, Rusty Ryan(Sub for Le Chon LaClaire) Def. Kathy Branch, Roberts Def. Arakawa, Tony Valenti Referee.



BRUISER

Nov. 2, 1955 Kinji Shibuya & Mitsu Arakawa Def. Bronko Nagurski & Nick Roberts, Timothy Geohagen Def. Karl Davis, Roberts vs. Shibuya.

Nov. 15, 1955 Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff Def. Dave Jons & Herb Freeman, Oni Wiki Wiki Def. Aldo Bogni - DQ.

Nov. 29, 1955 Paul, Tony, & Adrian Baillargeon Def. Kinji Shibuya, Mitsu Arakawa, & Aldo Bogni, A. Baillargeon Def. Shibuya - DQ, Attn: 650.

Jan. 10, 1956 Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff Def. Paul & Tony Baillargeon, Gene Dubuque(AKA Magnificent Maurice) Def. Oni Wiki Wiki.

Jan. 17, 1956 Bronko Nagurski & Tony Baillargeon vs. Larry "Rocky" Hamilton & Lou Plummer, Red Bastien vs. Johnny Moochy.

Jan. 24, 1956 Timothy & Danno Geohagen(O'Shocker) Def. Gene Dubuque & Aldo Bogni, Red Bastien Def. Fritz Von Ulm(AKA Johnny Gabor, Von Goering), Joe Snyder Referee.

Jan. 31, 1956 Paul Baillargeon Def. Gene Dubuque, Timothy Geohagen Def. Larry Hamilton, Brian Clary Def. Aldo Bogni - DQ, Joe Snyder Referee.

Feb. 10, 1956 Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff Def. By DQ Bobby Managoff & Larry Hamilton, Pete Managoff Def. Lord Layton - DQ(Original card was Kalmikoffs vs. Paul Baillargeon & Pete Managoff, Layton vs. Dubuque.)

Feb. 17, 1956 Paul Baillargeon & Roy McClarty Def. Dick Raines & Lou Plummer, Danno Geohagen Def. Larry Hamilton, Joe Snyder Referee.

Mar. 2, 1956 June Byers & Betty Hawkins Def. Penny Banner & Bonnie Watson, Paul Baillargeon Def. Pete Managoff.

Mar. 9, 1956 Tiny Mills & Gene Dubuque Def. Tony & Lionel Baillargeon, Betty Hawkins Def. Penny Banner.

Mar. 19, 1956 Butch Levy & Tony Baillargeon Def. Dr. Bill Miller & Golden Terror, Danno Geohagen Drew Firpo Zbyszko.

Mar. 30, 1956 Little Beaver & Pee Wee James Def. Ivan The Terrible & Otto Bowman, Lionel Baillargeon Def. Tiny Mills - DQ, Al Warshawski Referee. M

June 1, 1956 Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff Def. Tex McKenzie & Johnny Moochy(Sub for Butch Levy), Floyd Ude Def. Moochy - DQ, Joe Snyder Referee.



PAUL BAILLARGEON

WF - 38

June 21, 1956 Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff Def. By DQ Roy McClarty & Ilio DiPaolo, Shirley Strimple Def. Lorraine Johnson(For MN. STATE TITLE), Joe Snyder Referee, Attn: 700.

Oct. 12, 1956 Fritz Von Erich & Karl Von Schober(AKA Lou Sjoberg) Def. Bronko Nagurski & Butch Levy, Floyd Ude Def. Johnny Moochy(Sub for Rocky Galup) - DQ, Joe Snyder Referee.

Oct. 19, 1956 Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff Def. Jack Pesek & Hombre Montana, Al Kashey Def. Bearcat Wright, Wright & Jack Morgan Referees.

Oct. 26, 1956 Penny Banner & Bonnie Watson Def. June Byers & Betty Hawkins, Billy Wicks Def. Bill Carlson.

Nov. 2, 1956 JUNE BYERS(WORLD) Def. Penny Banner, Betty Hawkins vs. Bonnie Watson - N.C., Bronko Nagurski Def. Johnny Moochy, Stu Shaw Referee.

Nov. 10, 1956 Fritz Von Erich & Karl Von Schober Def. Bronko Nagurski & Hombre Montana, Tony Baillargeon Drew Joe Pazandak, Joe Snyder Referee, Attn: 1,000.

Nov. 17, 1956 Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff vs. Hombre Montana & Bearcat Wright, Jack Pesek vs. Lou Pito.

Nov. 23, 1956 Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff Def. Butch Levy & Roy McClarty, Tony Baillargeon Def. Lou Pito, Clink McGeary Referee, Attn: 300.

Nov. 29, 1956 Ivan Kalmikoff & Joe Pazandak(Sub for Karol) Def. Abe & Al Kashey, Tony Baillargeon Def. Jerry Mace.

Jan. 11, 1957 IVAN & KAROL KALMIKOFF(WORLD) Def. Fritz Von Erich & Karl Von Schober, Johnny Barend Def. John Swenski, Attn: 900.

Jan. 18, 1957 Lord Littlebrook & Brown Panther Def. Sky Low Low & Irish Jackie, Roy McClarty Drew Joe Pazandak, Martino Angelo Referee. M

Jan. 25, 1957 Bronko Nagurski, Tony Baillargeon, & Johnny Barend Def. Joe Pazandak, Karol Kalmikoff, John Swenski(Sub for Ivan), T. Baillargeon Drew Pazandak.

Feb. 1, 1957 Lord Littlebrook & Brown Panther Def. Tom Thumb & Irish Jackie, Butch Levy Drew Joe Pazandak. M

Mar. 26, 1957 Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff Def. Joe Tomasso & Fritz Von Ulm(Sub for John Swenski), Baby Doe Def. Caroline Bennett, Johnny Foti Def. Maurice LaPointe, Joe Snyder Referee. M

Apr. 2, 1957 JOE & GUY BRUNETTI(WORLD) Def. Joe Pazandak & Fritz Von Ulm, Joe Snyder Def. Jim Morgan, Hal Mason Referee.



TONY BAILLARGEON

Apr. 12, 1957 JOE & GUY BRUNETTI(WORLD) Def. Joe Pazandak & Fritz Von Ulm, Johnny Foti(Sub for Roy McClarty) Def. Joe Tomasso, Joe Snyder Def. Rich Annala(Pro Debut), McClarty was referee as he had suffered an injury and couldn't wrestle.

Apr. 19, 1957 JOE & GUY BRUNETTI(WORLD) Def. John & Al Smith, Roy McClarty Drew Fritz Von Ulm, Joe Tomasso Referee.

May 3, 1957 Kinji Shibuya & Mr. Moto Def. John & Al Smith, Roy McClarty Drew Joe Pazandak, Tony LaBell Def. Rich Annala, Joe Snyder Referee.

May 20, 1957 JOE & GUY BRUNETTI(WORLD) vs. Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff - N.C., Roy McClarty vs. Karl Steiff(AKA Clyde Steeves) - N.C., Tony LaBell Def. Rich Annala, Joe Tomasso & McClarty Referees.

May 31, 1957 Kinji Shibuya vs. Joe Brunetti, Lord Littlebrook & Brown Panther vs. Fuzzy Cupid & Ivan The Terrible. M

Sept. 21, 1957 Bronko Nagurski & Dino Bravo(Sub for Butch Levy) Def. By DQ KINJI SHIBUYA & MITSU ARAKAWA(WORLD), Barbara Monroe(Baker?) Def. Shirley Strimble, Bravo Def. Frank Taylor.

Oct. 12, 1957 KINJI SHIBUYA & MITSU ARAKAWA(WORLD) Def. By DQ Joe Pazandak & Masked Mauler(Joe Christie), Floyd Ude Def. Bill Wright(AKA Billy Red Cloud), Pazandak Def. Arakawa, Joe Valento Referee.

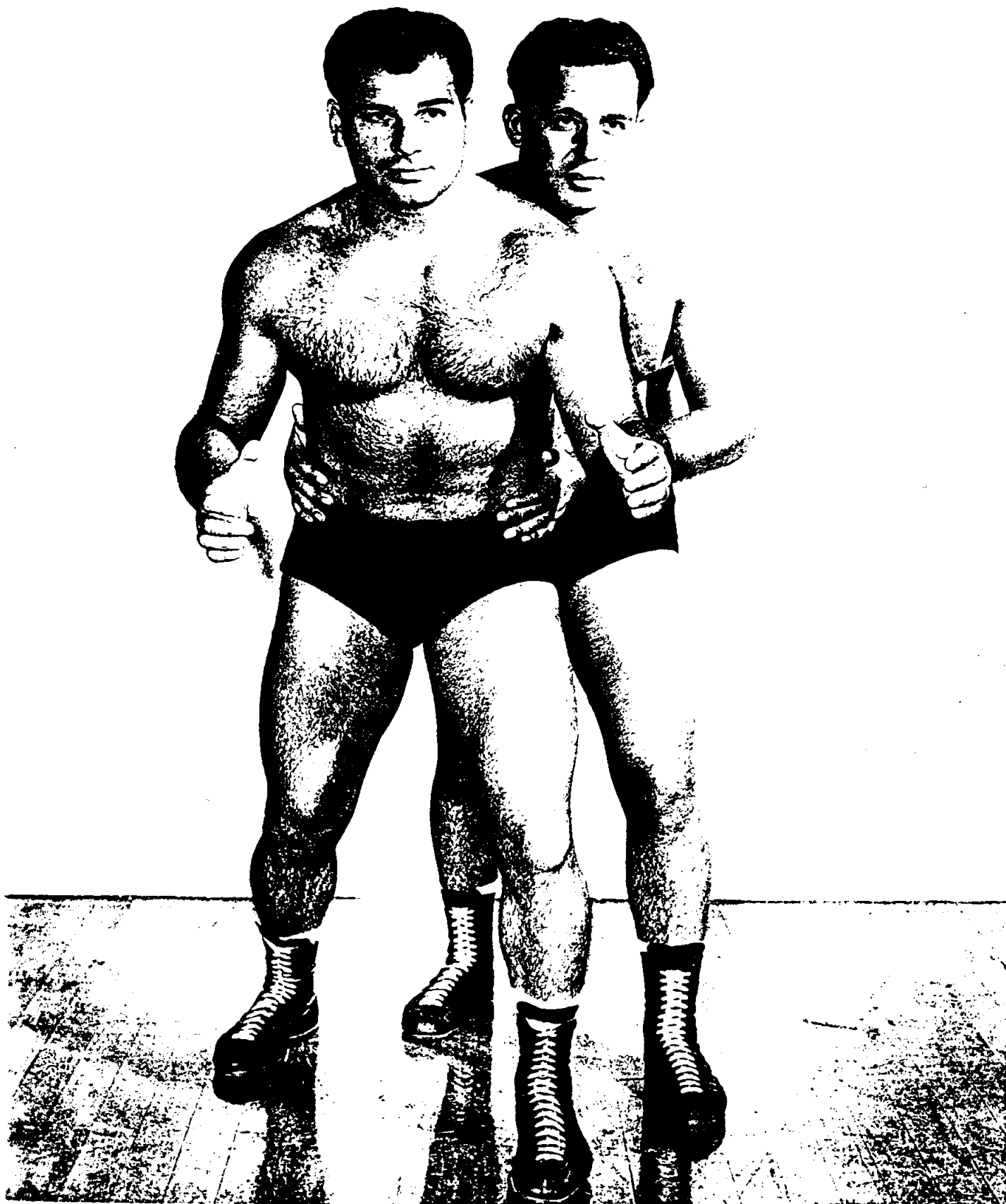
Oct. 28, 1957 Abe & Al Kashey Def. Tiny & Al Mills, Masked Mauler Def. Dino Bravo(Sub for Jack Pesek), Rich Annala Def. Bill Maxwell(No Show!!)

Nov. 2, 1960 Gene Kiniski Def. Joe Scarpello, Bob Rasmussen Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty - DQ, Len Montana vs. Guy Hill(AKA Mitchell, Jerry Valiant), Pepper Martin vs. Blackjack Daniels. First card promoted by Harvey Solon, also first live card in a very long time! P

Nov. 16, 1960 Gene Kiniski vs. Joe Scarpello, HARD BOILED HAGGERTY & LEN MONTANA(WORLD) vs. Jim Hady & Bob Rasmussen, Wilbur Snyder vs. Nick Roberts.

Nov. 30, 1960 VERNE GAGNE(WORLD) Def. Gene Kiniski - DQ, HARD BOILED HAGGERTY & LEN MONTANA(WORLD) Def. Jim Hady & Nick Roberts, Wilbur Snyder(Sub for Joe Scarpello) Def. Larry Hennig, Hady Drew Haggerty.

Dec. 14, 1960 GENE KINISKI(U.S.) Def. Nick Roberts, HARD BOILED HAGGERTY & LEN MONTANA(WORLD) Def. Roy McClarty & Joe Scarpello, Floyd Ude Def. Larry Hennig.



JOE & GUY BRUNETTI

Dec. 28, 1960 VERNE GAGNE(WORLD) vs. Gene Kiniski.

Jan. 4, 1961 GENE KINISKI(U.S.) Def. Tiny Mills, HARD BOILED HAGGERTY & LEN MONTANA(WORLD) Def. Joe Scarpello & Nick Roberts, Lorraine Johnson Def. Mars Monroe.

Jan. 18, 1961 VERNE GAGNE(WORLD) Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty, Millie Stafford & Mars Monroe Def. Lorraine Johnson & Ella St. John, GENE KINISKI(U.S.) Def. Nick Roberts, Wilbur Snyder Def. Larry Hennig.

Feb. 1, 1961 GENE KINISKI(U.S.) def. Wilbur Snyder - DQ(Floyd Ude Referee), HARD BOILED HAGGERTY & LEN MONTANA(WORLD) Def. Jim Hady & Joe Scarpello, George Drake Def. Bill Wright.

Feb. 8, 1961 Wilbur Snyder Def. GENE KINISKI(U.S.) - DQ(Bronko Nagurski Referee), Hard Boiled Haggerty Def. Nick Roberts, Bob Rasmussen Def. George Scott, Jim Hady Def. George Drake, Attn: 2,000.

Feb. 15, 1961 Wilbur Snyder Def. GENE KINISKI(Won U.S. TITLE - Bronko Nagurski Referee), Joe Scarpello Def. Nick Roberts, George Scott Def. Paul DeGalles, Floyd Ude Def. Blackjack Daniels.

Mar. 1, 1961 WILBUR SNYDER(U.S.) Def. Gene Kiniski - DQ, Tiny Mills Def. Joe Scarpello, Jim Hady Def. Stan Kowalski - DQ, Nick Roberts Def. George Scott.

Apr. 12, 1961 Leo Nomellini Def. GENE KINISKI(U.S.) - Non title match - Bill Kuusisto Referee, Wilbur Snyder Drew Hard Boiled Haggerty, Joe Scarpello Def. George Scott, Nick Roberts Def. Tony Nero, Attn: 1,200.

Apr. 26, 1961 GENE KINISKI(U.S.) Def. Leo Nomellini, Wilbur Snyder Def. Stan Kowalski, Kathy Starr Def. Annette Palmer, Millie Stafford Def. Starr(A girls tag team match was originally scheduled.)

May 3, 1961 VERNE GAGNE(WORLD) Def. Gene Kiniski - DQ, Wilbur Snyder Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty, Jim Hady Def. Bob Geigel - DQ, George Scott Def. Paul DeGalles.

May 11, 1961 HARD BOILED HAGGERTY & GENE KINISKI(WORLD) Def. Verne Gagne & Wilbur Snyder, Leo Nomellini vs. Don Lee, Jim Hady Drew Tony Baillargeon.

May 24, 1961 Verne Gagne & Wilbur Snyder Def. Hard Boiled Haggerty & Gene Kiniski, Leo Nomellini Def. Stan Kowalski, Jim Hady Drew Tony Baillargeon.

June 7, 1961 Leo Nomellini Def. Don Lee(This card not listed in Duluth Paper, correct location?)



Dempsey
at Rice-Tex
1949

JIM HADY

June 14, 1961 GENE KINISKI(U.S.) Def. Wilbur Snyder(Texas Death Match), Little Beaver & Bernie Burke Def. Fuzzy Cupid & Pee Wee James(Sub for Sky Low Low), Leo Nomellini Def. Bob Geigel, Tony Baillargeon Drew George Scott. M

June 21, 1961 VERNE GAGNE(WORLD) vs. Wilbur Snyder - N.C., GENE KINISKI(U.S.) Def. Jack Pesek, Bob Geigel Def. Tony Baillargeon, George Scott Def. Marquis DeParee.

Nov. 29, 1961 VERNE GAGNE(WORLD) Def. Bob Geigel, Little Beaver & Bernie Burke Def. Fuzzy Cupid & Irish Jackie, Millie Stafford Def. Jessica Rogers, Attn: 511. M

Dec. 27, 1961 SUPERIOR, WI Mr. M(Dr. Bill Miller) vs. Dale Lewis, Stan Kowalski vs. Lou Sjoberg, Maurice LaPointe vs. Larry Hennig.

May 15, 1963 Don McClarty(AKA Don Leeds) & Doug Gilbert Def. By DQ Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff, Tiny Bell & Marcel Semard Def. Pee Wee Lopez & Irish Jackie, Gilbert vs. I. Kalmikoff - N.C.(First card in Duluth area in a very long time.) M

Sept. 16, 1963 The Crusher(Reggie Lisowski) Def. Don McClarty, Rene Goulet Def. Marquis DeParee, Paul Christy Def. Duke Hoffman(AKA Bob Leipler).

EDITOR'S NOTES

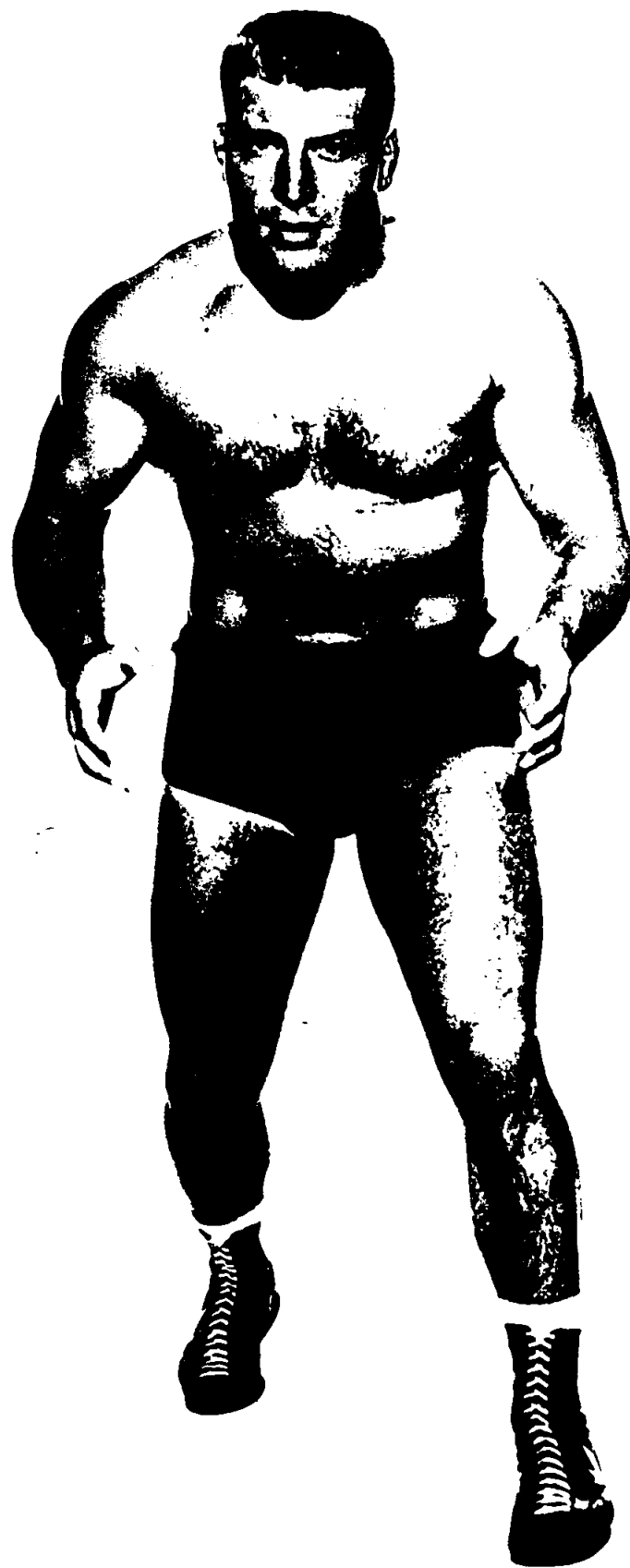
By James C. Melby

I want to thank my good friend Don Luce who researched the 1946, 1947, and 1949 Duluth results for this issue. Since putting together this issue I have returned to The Minnesota History Center to look up additional Duluth wrestling results in the microfilm room. We will be publishing those results in a future issue of WRESTLING FACTS.

Other upcoming projects that will be published in WRESTLING FACTS include resarch from Fargo, North Dakota. We are also looking at doing the ring records of Hans Schmidt, Red Bastien, and Dr. Bill Miller.

As always I want to mention that the sister publication to WRESTLING FACTS is Scott Teal's excellent WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...?" Every issue features interviews with the great wrestling stars of the past. In addition Scott also publishes RASSLIN' RESULTS. Issue number three consists totally of research done by me that Scott was kind enough to type up covering Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Milwaukee. You can get in touch with Mr. Teal at P.O. Box 2781, Hendersonville, TN. 37077-2781.

Another really excellent nostalgia results publication is the ATLANTA YEARBOOK series published by my buddy Chuck Thornton. So far he has published volumes on 1960 thru 1964. You can contact Chuck at 3346 Martin Luther King Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30331.



**WILBUR
SNYDER**

WILBUR SNYDER

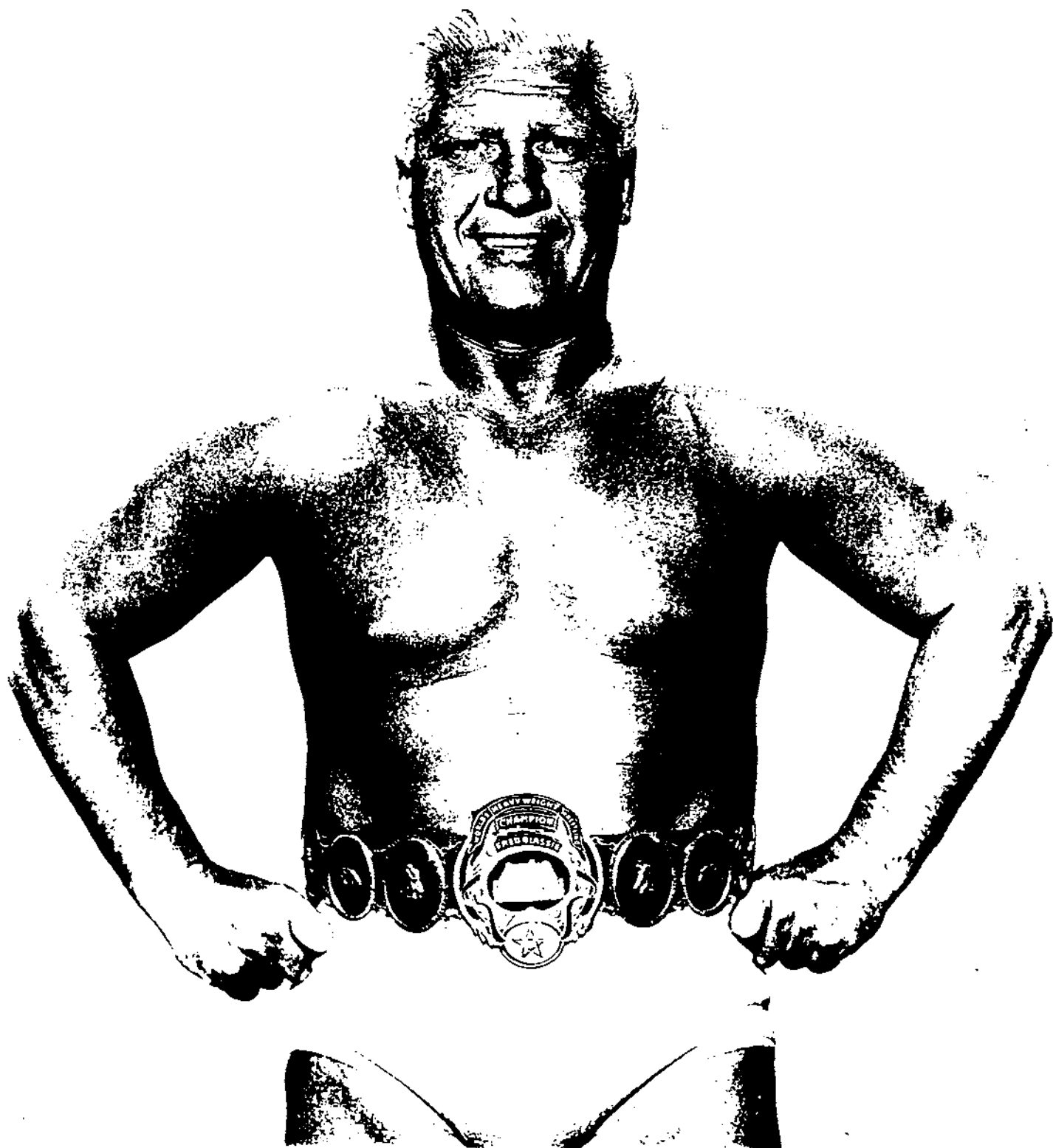


VOL. 8 NO. 2

Wrestling Facts

THIS ISSUE FEATURES -
LOS ANGELES 1964 - 1967

"The Original Mat Research Journal"



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By James C. Melby

Welcome to the second 1998 edition of WRESTLING FACTS. This issue is the direct result of research done by our good friend Steve Yohe. In addition Bart Bucher was kind enough to spend time on his computer typing up Steve's work.

Bart and I are combining research on the Calgary territory for a future edition of this publication. Meanwhile George Schire is hard at working on his computer typing up the Hans Schmidt record for another issue of WRESTLING FACTS.

We have many other ideas that may see the light of day. They include ring records of Dr. Bill Miller, Danny McShane, and Whipper Billy Watson. In addition we are negotiating with some collectors to reprint some pretty rare scrapbooks. Other issues might spotlight results from some specific wrestling hotspots such as Fargo, Winnipeg, Albuquerque, and a series of yearbooks on the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

I'd like to mention that WRESTLING FACTS is a collective publication of some of the all time great wrestling historians. People not already mentioned who contribute on a regular basis include Don Luce, Fred Hornby, Koji Miyamoto, Haruo Yamaguchi, J. Michael Kenyon, Scott Teal, Tom Burke, Norman Kietzer, Dean Silverstone, and Matt Buziak.

Comments, suggestions, contributions, back issue requests, etc., can be sent to me at: 1018 E. Rose Avenue, St. Paul, Mn. 55106.

WRESTLING FACTS

THE ORIGINAL MAT RESEARCH JOURNAL

VOL. 1 NO. 1	FRANK TOWNSEND PART I	\$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 2	FRANK TOWNSEND PART II	\$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 3	HARD BOILED HAGGERTY I	\$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 4	HARD BOILED HAGGERTY II	\$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 1	BILLY GOELZ	\$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 2	TINY MILLS I	\$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 3	TINY MILLS II	\$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 4	DON EAGLE	\$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 1	THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS	\$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 2	DR. X (DICK BEYER)	\$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 3	BRONKO NAGURSKI	\$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 4	VERNE GAGNE	\$25.00
VOL. 3 NO. 5	BUTCH LEVY	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 1	YUKON ERIC	\$25.00
VOL. 4 NO. 2	JOE PAZANDAK	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 3	BOB RASMUSSEN	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 4	DICK HUTTON	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 5	RIKIDOZAN	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 6	CLIFF GUSTAFSON	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 7	IVAN & KAROL KALMIKOFF	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 8	HIRO MATSUDA	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 9	SHOZO KOBAYASHI	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 10	ROCHESTER, MN. RESULTS 1949-63	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 1	LEO NOMELLINI	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 2	1950'S SCRAPBOOK	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 3	BILL MELBY	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 4	RAY GUNKEL	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 5	SCRAPBOOK VOL. 2	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 6	JAPAN RESULTS 1960-64	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 7	SCRAPBOOK VOL. 3	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 8	SCRAPBOOK VOL. 4	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 9	1950'S CEDAR RAPIDS & PICTURE GALLERY SCRAPBOOK	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 10	JAPAN RESULTS 1965-67	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 11	1950'S DES MOINES SCRAPBOOK	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 12	LOU THESZ	\$25.00
VOL. 6 NO. 1	DON LEO JONATHAN	\$25.00
VOL. 6 NO. 2	ED CARPENTIER	\$25.00
VOL. 7 NO. 1	MANKATO RESULTS 1930'S-60'S	\$10.00
VOL. 7 NO. 2	DICK STEINBORN	\$10.00
VOL. 7 NO. 3	LARRY HENNIG	\$25.00

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE CIRCLE ISSUES DESIRED ON THE ABOVE LIST. POSTAGE AND HANDLING IS \$4.00 FOR EACH ISSUE. OVERSEAS ORDERS WILL BE SHIPPED BY SEA MAIL UNLESS THE CUSTOMER PAYS FOR AIR MAIL COSTS. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO JAMES C. MELBY, 1018 EAST ROSE AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MN. 55106-2728.

RECENT EDITIONS OF WRESTLING FACTS

Vol. 7 No. 4 Pat O'Connor \$25.00

Vol. 7 No. 5 Japan 1968-1969 \$10.00

Vol. 7 No. 6 Duluth \$10.00

Vol. 8 No. 1 Chicago 1949-1974 \$25.00

Vol. 8 No. 2 Los Angeles 1964-1967 \$10.00

Please remember to add \$4.00 shipping and handling per back issue. Overseas orders will be shipped by sea mail unless the customers pays for additional air mail costs.

Please make your checks or money orders payable to: James C. Melby, 1018 E. Rose Avenue, St. Paul, MN. 55106.

1964 W.W.A WRESTLING

January 1, 1964- Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, California

Fritz Von Goering (Fritz Von Ulm) drew The Mummy (Benji Ramirez). Edouard Carpentier over Art Mahalik. Art Neilson over Don Savage. Mr. Moto and Kintaro Oki (Kim ILL) drew Nikita Mulkovich (Nikita Kalmikoff) and The Preacher (Clyde Steeves). Pepper Martin drew Bobby Duranton

January 2, 1964- Valley Garden Arena

Freddie Blassie drew Nikita Mulkovich. Billy Varga and Fritz Von Goering over Bob Stanlee and Steve Stanlee 2/3 falls. Dick Hutton over The Preacher. Oscar Alvarez drew Broadway Venus

January 8, 1964- Olympic Auditorium (7,133)

Edouard Carpentier drew Billy Varga. Freddie Blassie drew The Mummy. Art Neilson and Stan Neilson drew Mr. Moto and Bobby Duranton. Dick Hutton drew Nikita Mulkovich. Pepper Martin over The Preacher. Kintaro Oki over Fritz Von Goering

January 9, 1964- Valley Garden Arena

Freddie Blassie vs. Nikita Mulkovich. Dick Hutton vs. Billy Varga. Bobby Duranton vs. Oscar Alvarez. Steve Stanlee vs. Broadway Venus

January 15, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie over Mr. Moto (Death match). Art and Stan Neilson over Bob and Steve Stanlee. Nikita Mulkovich over Oscar Alvarez. The Mummy drew The Preacher. Shohei Baba over Fritz Von Goering

January 22, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Kintaro Oki drew Nikita Mulkovich. Freddie Blassie over Bobby Duranton. Ernie Ladd over Bob Stanlee (Rip Miller). The Mummy over Steve Stanlee. Art and Stan Neilson over Prince Ava and The Preacher

January 23, 1964- Valley Garden Arena

Art and Stan Neilson vs. Edouard Carpentier and Kintaro Oki. Bearcat Wright vs. Fritz Von Goering. Billy Varga vs. Bob Stanlee. Oscar Alvarez vs. Great Togo

January 30, 1964- Olympic Auditorium (10,000)

Freddie Blassie over Edouard Carpentier to win the W.W.A Title. Art and Stan Neilson drew Dick Hutton and Pepper Martin. Billy Varga drew Nikita Mulkovich. Ernie Ladd over Bobby Duranton. Gene LeBell drew The Mummy. The Preacher over Fritz Von Goering

February 5, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Great Togo drew Gene LeBell. Billy Varga srew Pepper Martin. Art and Stan Neilson over The Preacher and Broadway Venus. Ernie Ladd over Bobby Duranton. Mr. Moto over Prince Ava

February 12, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie drew Art Neilson. The Fabulous Kangaroos- Al Costello and Roy Heffernan over Pepper Martin and Prince Ava. Edouard Carpentier over The Preacher. Ernie Ladd over Ted Christy. The Mummy over Tony Perez

February 19, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Edouard Carpentier drew Art Neilson. Ernie Ladd over The Preacher. The Fabulous Kangaroos over Tony Perez and Ramon Zarvalza. Shohei Baba over K. O Murphy. Pepper Martin over The Mummy

February 26, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Dick the Bruiser over Don Savage 2/3 falls (injury). Pepper Martin over K.O Murphy. The Fabulous Kangaroos over Tony Perez and Broadway Venus. Art Neilson over Prince Ava

Olympic Auditorium

WRESTLING NEWS



15c

Wednesday, April 15, 1964 - RI 9-5171

15c

Wed., April 22

8 P.M. - NO TV

FREDDIE
BLASSIE
WORLD'S

vs.

DICK THE
BRUISER
HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE



DON'T MISS THE
GREATEST
OF ALL MATCHES

Reserve your
Tickets Now!

RI. 9-5171

"NO TELEVISION"



OLYMPIC BOXING AND
WRESTLING CLUB
1801 So. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif., 90015

Return Postage
Guaranteed

BULK RATE
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Los Angeles, Calif.
Permit No. 12360

PEARL EDWARDS
4168 HAMILTON ST.
SAN DIEGO 4, CALIF.

February 28, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Freddie Blassie (Champion) drew Shohei Baba 2/3 falls. Dick the Bruiser over Edouard Carpentier. **International Tag Team Title:** The Fabulous Kangaroos over Mr. Moto and Pepper Martin. Ernie Ladd over The Mummy. Art Neilson over Tony Perez. Gene LeBell over The Preacher

March 4, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Pepper Martin over The Mummy 2/3 falls. The Fabulous Kangaroos over Paul Diamond and Billy Tipton. Shohei Baba over Don Duffy. Freddie Blassie over Ramon Zarvalza. Art Neilson over Tony Perez.

March 11, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Fabulous Kangaroos drew Shohei Baba and Mr. Moto. Freddie Blassie over Tony Perez. Ernie Ladd over The Preacher. Paul Diamond over The Mummy. Art Neilson drew Pepper Martin

March 18, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Pepper Martin over The Preacher. Paul Diamond over Art Neilson. The Fabulous Kangaroos over Broadway Venus and Ramon Zarvalza. The Mummy over Billy Tipton. The Great Mortier over K.O. Murphy and Ted Christy

March 20, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Freddie Blassie (Champion) over Shohei Baba 2/3 falls (COR). The Fabulous Kangaroos over Mr. Moto and Dick Hutton. The Great Mortier over Johnny Long. Art Neilson over Ramon Zarvalza. Pepper Martin over Gene LeBell

March 25, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Shohei Baba over The Mummy in 2 straight falls. Freddie Blassie and Art Neilson over Dick Hutton and Ramon Zarvalza. Paul Diamond over Prince Ava. Pepper Martin over Roy Heffernan. Al Costello over The Preacher.

April 1, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Dick Hutton drew Al Costello. Roy Heffernan over The Preacher. Paul Diamond over K.O. Murphy. Pepper Martin over Ted Christy. Freddie Blassie and Art Neilson over Prince Ava and Broadway Venus.

April 8, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie over Paul Diamond 2/3 falls. The Fabulous Kangaroos drew Alberto Torres and Ramon Torres. (Midgets) Irish Jackie and Tiny Tim over Sky Low Low and Fuzzy Cupid. Dick the Bruiser over Pepper Martin. Dick Hutton over Nikita Mulkovich. Art Neilson drew Dick Hutton

April 15, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Pepper Martin over Roy Heffernan (Referee decision). Al Costello over Prince Ava. Alberto and Ramon Torres over K.O. Murphy and Ted Christy 2/3 falls. Nikita Mulkovich drew Paul Diamond. Freddie Blassie and Art Neilson over Don Savage and Billy Tipton

April 22, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Dick the Bruiser over Freddie Blassie in 2/3 falls to win the **W.W.A Title**. The Destroyer (Dick Beyer) over Danny O' Rourke. Nikita Mulkovich over Don Savage. The Fabulous Kangaroos drew Pepper Martin and Paul Diamond. Alberto Torres and Ramon Torres over Art and Stan Neilson.

April 29, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Pepper Martin vs. Al Costello. Nikita Mulkovich over Gonzalez Gonzalez. Alberto and Ramon Torres over Mike Sharpe and The Preacher. Roy Heffernan over Billy Tipton. Art Neilson drew Paul Diamond

May 6, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Dick the Bruiser (Champion) drew Freddie Blassie 2/3 falls (DCOR). Alberto and Ramon Torres over The Fabulous Kangaroos. Mike Sharpe and Nikita Mulkovich drew Pepper Martin and Paul Diamond. Art Mahalik over Art Neilson

May 13, 1964 - Olympic Auditorium

Alberto and Ramon Torres over Art Mahalik and The Preacher. Paul Diamond over Broadway Venus. Mike Sharpe over Don Savage. Nikita Mulkovich over Prince Ava. Pepper Martin over Ted Christy

May 20, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Ramon Torres over Great Togo. Alberto Torres over The Preacher. Nikita Mulkovich and Mike Sharpe over Gonzalez Gonzalez and Don Savage. Paul Diamond over Art Mahalik. Pepper Martin over K.O. Murphy.

May 27, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Dick the Bruiser (Champion) over Freddie Blassie in a Death match (Knee injury). Ray Stevens over Pepper Martin. Dominic DeNucci over The Preacher. Alberto and Ramon Torres over Mike Sharpe and Nikita Mulkovich. Paul Diamond drew Art Mahalik.

June 1, 1964- Valley Garden Arena

Alberto Torres vs. Mike Sharpe

June 3, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over Pepper Martin. Art Mahalik drew Mike Sharpe. Nikita Mulkovich drew Young Chenney. Paul Diamond over Prince Ava. Alberto and Ramon Torres over The Preacher and K.O. Murphy

June 8, 1964- Valley Garden Arena

The Destroyer over Alberto Torres. Nikita Mulkovich over Gonzalez Gonzalez. Jacques MacKinnon over Art Mahalik. Dick Chaney drew Broadway Venus

June 10, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Dick the Bruiser (Champion) over Nikita Mulkovich 2/3 falls. The Destroyer and Rip Hawk over Ernie Ladd and Paul Diamond. Dominic DeNucci over Art Mahalik. Alberto Torres drew Mike Sharpe. Ramon Torres over Great Togo

June 15, 1964- Pasadena, California

The Destroyer over Mr. X 2/3 falls. Ramon Torres over Mike Sharpe. The Ripper (Rip Hawk) over Vic Christy. Nikita Mulkovich drew Gonzalez Gonzalez

June 15, 1964- Valley Garden Arena

Dick the Bruiser over Bill Wright in 2 straight falls. Alberto Torres over Don Duffy. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Matt Murphy. Jacques MacKinnon drew Prince Ava.

June 17, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Alberto and Ramon Torres over Mike Sharpe and Nikita Mulkovich. Dick the Bruiser over Prince Ava. The Destroyer and Rip Hawk over Paul Diamond and Vic Christy. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Don Duffy. Jacques MacKinnon drew Art Mahalik

June 22, 1964- Pasadena

The Destroyer and Rip Hawk over Ramon Garcia and The Great Pole. Mike Sharpe over Young Paul. Gonzalez Gonzalez over Prince Ava

June 24, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Edouard Carpentier over Nikita Mulkovich. The Destroyer and Rip Hawk over Ramon Torres and Don Duffy. Dick the Bruiser over Gonzalez Gonzalez. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Art Mahalik

July 1, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Edouard Carpentier over Dick the Bruiser (Champion) (DQ). The Destroyer over George Drake. Rip Hawk drew Little Tokyo (Antonio Inoki). Alberto and Ramon Torres over Nikita Mulkovich and Don Duffy. Pussycat Pickens drew Art Mahalik

July 6, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Mr. Moto over Great Tarzan. Bill Dromo over Don Duffy. Pussycat Pickens over K.O. Murphy. Don Savage drew Great Togo.

July 6, 1964- Valley Garden Arena

Alberto and Ramon Torres over Rip Hawk and Nikita Mulkovich in 2 straight falls. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Art Mahalik. Little Tokyo over Prince Ava

July 8, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Rip Hawk drew Mr. Moto and Little Tokyo. Alberto and Ramon Torres over Mike Sharpe and Art Mahalik. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Bobby Duranton. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Pussycat Pickens. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Nikita Mulkovich

July 13, 1964- Pasadena

Mr. Moto over The Destroyer 2/3 falls. **W.W.A Tag Team Title:** Alberto and Ramon Torres (Champions) over Nikita Mulkovich and Rip Hawk. Bill Dromo over Bobby Duranton. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Ramon Torres.

July 15, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over Paul Diamond. Bill Dromo over Don Savage in 2 straight falls. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Bobby Duranton. Ernie Ladd over The Alaskan (Jay York). Dick the Bruiser over Vic Christy. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Prince Ava. Bill Dromo drew The Alaskan

July 22, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over Dick the Bruiser to win the **W.W.A Title** (COR). Cowboy Bob Ellis over Rip Hawk. Mr. Moto over Art Mahalik. Alberto and Ramon Torres over The Alaskan and Art Mahalik. Bill Dromo drew Little Tokyo

July 27, 1964- Pasadena

W.W.A Tag Team Title: The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Alberto and Ramon Torres (Champions) (match stopped due to injury). Dominic DeNucci over The Alaskan. Art Mahalik drew Bill Dromo

July 29, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Rip Hawk drew Ramon Torres 2/3 falls. The Destroyer drew Alberto Torres. Cowboy Bob Ellis and Dominic DeNucci over Art Mahalik and The Alaskan. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Billy Tipton. Bill Dromo over Don Duffy

July 30, 194- Bakersfield

The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Alberto and Ramon Torres to win the **W.W.A Tag Team Title**

August 3, 1964- Pasadena (1,110)

The Destroyer over Alberto Torres 2/3 falls. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Jack O'Leary. Dominic DeNucci over Ramon Torres. Little Tokyo over Art Mahalik

August 5, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Olympic Auditorium WRESTLING NEWS

15c

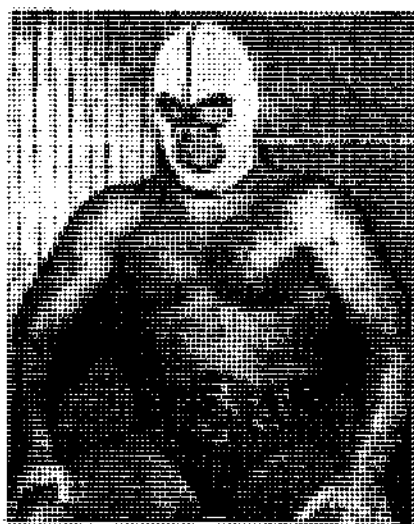
Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1964 - RI 9-5171

15c

THURS. SEPT. 10

8:30 p.m. -- NO TV

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP DESTROYER vs. BOB ELLIS



W W A

HANDS DOWN
TITLE DECISION

The Destroyer
is
new Champion



OLYMPIC BOXING AND
WRESTLING CLUB
1801 So. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif., 90015

Return Postage
Guaranteed

PEARL EDWARDS
4163 HAMILTON ST.
SAN DIEGO 4, CALIF.

BULK RATE
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID

Los Angeles, Calif
Permit No. 12360

Cowboy Bob Ellis over The Destroyer (COR-Ripped mask). Dominic DeNucci over Rip Hawk 2/3 falls. Hard Boiled Haggerty and The Alaskan over Alberto Torres and Ramon Torres. Bill Dromo over Art Mahalik. Little Tokyo over Mike O'Leary

August 10, 1964- Pasadena

Mr. Moto and Little Tokyo over The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty 2/3 falls. Dominic DeNucci over Matt Murphy. Bill Dromo over Don Duffy

August 12, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Mr. Moto over Ripper Collins 2/3 falls. Dominic DeNucci and Bill Dromo over The Alaskan and Mike O'Leary. The Destroyer over Ramon Zarvalza. Little Tokyo drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Art Mahalik over Prince Ava.

August 17, 1964- Pasadena

Mr. Moto drew The Destroyer 2/3 falls. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Art Mahalik. Dominic DeNucci over Hard Boiled Haggerty (DQ). Ripper Collins drew Little Tokyo.

August 19- 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over Little Tokyo 2/3 falls. Ripper Collins drew Bill Dromo. Dominic DeNucci over The Alaskan. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Mike O'Leary. Dick the Bruiser over Broadway Venus

August 24, 1964- Pasadena (1,015)

The Destroyer over Mr. Moto 2/3 falls. Dominic DeNucci over Mike O'Leary. Bill Dromo over Art Mahalik.

August 26, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Cowboy Bob Ellis over Dick the Bruiser 2/3 falls (DQ). George "The Beatle" Ringo (Bob Sabre) over Art Mahalik. Mr. Moto drew The Alaskan. Little Tokyo over Ripper Collins. The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Dominic DeNucci and Bill Dromo

August 31, 1964- Pasadena

Dominic DeNucci over The Destroyer 2/3 falls (DQ). Cowboy Bob Ellis over Jerry Rose. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Bill Dromo

September 2, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Bill Dromo and Don Savage. Mr. Moto over The Alaskan. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Don Duffy. Dominic DeNucci drew Ripper Collins. Little Tokyo over Art Mahalik

September 7, 1964- Pasadena

Hard Boiled Haggerty over Gonzalez Gonzalez in 2 straight falls. Mr. Moto over Don Duffy. Little Tokyo drew Ripper Collins

September 9, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Hard Boiled Haggerty over Ramon Zarvalza in 2 straight falls. Dominic DeNucci drew The Alaskan. Ripper Collins over Don Savage in 2 straight falls. Bill Dromo over Don Duffy

September 10, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Cowboy Bob Ellis over The Destroyer in 2/3 falls to win the **W.W.A Title** (1st fall DQ). Mr. Moto and Little Tokyo over The Alaskan and Nikita Mulkovich. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Bill Dromo. Dominic DeNucci over Ken Hollis. Ripper Collins over Jerry Rose. Don Savage and Ramon Zarvalza over K.O. Murphy and Don Duffy

September 14, 1964- Pasadena

(Midgets) Cowboy Brady and Sonny Cassidy drew Billy the Kid and Irish Jackie. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Boxcar Hardy. Ripper Collins over Larry Evans

September 16, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty over The Alaskan and Prince Ava

September 21, 1964- Pasadena

(Midgets) Cowboy Brady and Sonny Cassidy drew Billy the Kid and Irish Jackie. Hard Boiled Haggerty over The Alaskan 2/3 falls. Ripper Collins over Juan Zalgave

September 23, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Cowboy Bob Ellis (Champion) over Dick the Bruiser 2/3 falls. Cowboy Brady, Sonny Cassidy and Mr. Moto over Irish Jackie, Billy the Kid and Ripper Collins. **W.W.A Tag Team Title:** The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty (Champions) over Mr. Moto and Little Tokyo. The Alaskan over Larry Evans. Jerry Rose over Ramon Zarvalza

September 28, 1964- Pasadena

Cowboy Bob Ellis over Boxcar Hardy 2/3 falls. Ripper Collins over Bill Cody 2/3 falls. Little Tokyo over Jerry Rose

September 30, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Cowboy Bob Ellis and Bill Cody. Little Tokyo over K.O Murphy. Ripper Collins over Larry Evans. Jerry Rose over The Alaskan

October 5, 1964- Pasadena

The Destroyer over The Alaskan 2/3 falls. Ripper Collins over The Great Yamoto 2/3 falls. Chris Belkas drew Jerry Rose

October 7, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Chris Belkas drew Ripper Collins. Bill Cody drew Little Tokyo. The Alaskan drew Mr. Moto. The Destroyer over Jerry Rose. Freddie Blassie over Ramon Zarvalza and Larry Evans

October 9, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Cowboy Bob Ellis (Champion) over Freddie Blassie (COR) (Referee- Archie Moore). **U.S Title:** Ray Stevens (Champion) over Red Bastien. The Destroyer over Bill Cody. Chris Belkas over The Alaskan. The Hangman (Gene LeBell) over Larry Evans. Ripper Collins drew Mr. Moto

October 12, 1964- Pasadena

Cowboy Bob Ellis over Kit Cox in 2 straight falls. Mr. Moto over Boxcar Hardy. Little Tokyo drew Bill Cody.

October 14, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Mr. Moto and Little Tokyo. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Jerry Rose. The Hangman over Ramon Zarvalza. Chris Belkas over K.O Murphy. Bill Cody drew Ripper Collins.

October 19, 1964- Pasadena

Hard Boiled Haggerty over Mr. Moto 2/3 falls. Chris Belkas over Bill Cody 2/3 falls. Paul Diamond drew Boris Kameronoff

October 21, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie over Little Tokyo 2/3 falls. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Paul Diamond. The Hangman over Billy Tipton. Mr. Moto drew Ripper Collins. Bill Cody over Jerry Rose.

October 23, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie over Cowboy Bob Ellis and Archie Moore. Dan Manoukian over Chief White Eagle. Ripper Collins and Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Mr. Moto and Paul Diamond. The Hangman over Little Tokyo. Bill Cody drew Chris Belkas.

October 26, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Cowboy Bob Ellis over Hard Boiled Haggerty in 2 straight falls. The Destroyer over Little Tokyo 2/3 falls. Chris Belkas over Boris Kameronoff

October 27, 1964- Long Beach

Mr. Moto and Freddie Blassie over The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty to win the **W.W.A Tag Team Title**

October 28, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Little Tokyo and Paul Diamond 2/3 falls. Freddie Blassie over Boris Kameronoff. The Hangman over Mr. Moto. Chris Belkas drew Ripper Collins. Bill Cody over Kid Zarvalza.

November 2, 1964- Pasadena

The Destroyer, Ripper Collins and Bill Cody over Mr. Moto, Paul Diamond and Juan Zarvalza. Bill Cody drew Juan Zarvalza. Mr. Moto drew Ripper Collins

November 3, 1964- Long Beach

The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Freddie Blassie and Mr. Moto for the **W.W.A Tag Team Title**

November 4, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Mr. Moto and Paul Diamond. Freddie Blassie over Bill Cody. The Hangman over Rip Rose. Cowboy Bob Ellis over Boris Kameronoff. Ripper Collins over Chris Belkas

November 6, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Cowboy Bob Ellis (Champion) over Freddie Blassie (Cage match). The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Chief War Eagle and Chris Belkas

November 9, 1964- Pasadena

The Destroyer over Paul Diamond. Mr. Moto over Boris Kameronoff. The Hangman over Chris Belkas

November 11, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over Paul Diamond. The Hangman over Ricky Sexton. Mr. Moto drew Ripper Collins. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Paul Diamond. Tony Galarza drew Chris Belkas

November 13, 1964- San Diego Coliseum (1,900)

The Destroyer over Cowboy Bob Ellis in two straight falls to win the **W.W.A Title** (bleeding). The Hangman over Chris Belkas in 2 straight falls. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Paul Diamond. Hard Boiled Haggerty, Ripper Collins and Tony Galarza over Mr. Moto, Paul Diamond and Bill Cody

November 18, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over Red Rhodes. Edouard Carpentier and Cowboy Bob Ellis over Bill Cody and Tony Galarza. The Hangman over Chris Belkas. Alberto Torres drew Ripper Collins. Paul Diamond drew Nikita Mulkovich

November 20, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over The Hangman (DQ) Ripper Collins won 8-man Battle Royal. Edouard Carpentier and Cowboy Bob Ellis over Hard Boiled Haggerty and Ripper Collins. Paul Diamond drew Bill Cody. Chris Belkas over Tony Galarza. Mr. Moto over Nikita Mulkovich. Alberto Torres over Boris Kameronoff

November 23, 1964- Pasadena (1, 103)

Edouard Carpentier over Juan Zapata 2/3 falls. Ripper Collins over Alberto Torres (neck injury). Kintaro Oki over Don Duffy.

December 2, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Edouard Carpentier over Vince Montana. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Paul Diamond. The Hangman over Bill Cody. Tony Galarza and Alberto Torres drew Kintaro Oki and Ripper Collins

December 7, 1964- Pasadena

Edouard Carpentier over Ripper Collins 2/3 falls. Mr. Moto over Tony Galarza 2/3 falls. Alberto Torres over Jerry Rose 2/3 falls

December 9, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Edouard Carpentier and Cowboy Bob Ellis over The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty to win the W.W.A Tag Team Title

December 14, 1964- Pasadena

The Destroyer over Gonzalez Gonzalez. Alberto Torres over Golden Terror. Kintaro Oki drew Ricky Sexton 2/3 falls (45 minutes)

December 16, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Edouard Carpentier over The Destroyer. Cowboy Bob Ellis won a 10-man Battle Royal. The Hangman over Kintaro Oki. Ripper Collins drew Paul Diamond. Mr. Moto over Tony Galarza. Cowboy Bob Ellis drew Hard Boiled Haggerty

December 21, 1964- Pasadena

The Destroyer over Mr. Fugi. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Juan Zapata. Kintaro Oki drew Ripper Collins

December 23, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over Paul Diamond. The Hangman over Tony Galarza. Mr. Moto over Bill Cody. Alberto Torres drew Ripper Collins

December 30, 1964- Olympic Auditorium

Hard Boiled Haggerty over Alberto Torres (Tournament Final). The Hangman and Tony Galarza over Mr. Moto and Bill Cody

1965 W.W.A WRESTLING

January 6, 1965- Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, California

The Destroyer and Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Mr. Moto and Paul Diamond. Ernie Ladd over Jerry Rose. Ken Hollis over Bill Cody. Pedro Morales (a Spectator) interfered in the Art Mahalik and Tony Galaraga match and pinned them both

January 11, 1965- Pasadena, California

Pedro Morales, Paul Diamond and Ken Hollis over Bill Cody, Tony Galaraga and The Red Man. Paul Diamond drew Bill Cody. Pedro Morales over Tony Galaraga. The Red Man drew Ken Hollis

January 12, 1965- Long Beach, California

The Destroyer over Kintaro Oki. Pedro Morales over The Executioner. Don Chuey drew Tony Galaraga. Ken Hollis over The Hangman (Gene LeBell) Hard Boiled Haggerty over Paul Diamond

January 13, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Hangman over Ken Hollis 2/3 falls. The Destroyer over Paul Diamond 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales over Bill Cody and The Red Man. Mr. Moto drew Tony Galaraga

January 14, 1965- Valley Garden Arena

Edouard Carpentier vs Kintaro Oki

January 18, 1965- Pasadena

The Destroyer over Ken Hollis 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales over Jerry Rose in 2 straight falls. The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons over Mr. Moto and Ken Hollis. Mr. Moto over Billy Red Lyons (DQ)

January 19, 1965- Long Beach

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons over Mr. Moto and Ken Hollis. The Hangman over Bill Cody. Ernie Ladd over Tony Galaraga. Pedro Morales over Hard Boiled Haggerty

January 20, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Brass Knuckles Title. The Destroyer over Hard Boiled Haggerty 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales over Maurice Pare. The Hangman drew Ernie Ladd. Billy Red Lyons over Ken Hollis. Mr. Moto over Tony Galaraga. Bill Cody drew Paul Diamond

January 25, 1965- Pasadena

Pedro Morales over Axeman in 2 straight falls. Billy Red Lyons over Paul Diamond. Mr. Moto over Bill Cody. Paul Diamond and Mr. Moto vs Bill Cody and Don Savage

January 26, 1965- Long Beach

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons over Ernie Ladd and Paul Diamond. Johnny Vander over Tony Galaraga. The Axeman over Ken Hollis. Pedro Morales over The Hangman.

January 27, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons over Mr. Moto and Paul Diamond 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales over Charlie Kalani (Professor Toru Tanaka) in 2 straight falls. The Hangman over Bill Cody. Johnny Vander over Ramon Zarvala. Ernie Ladd over Tony Galaraga.

February 1, 1965- Pasadena

The Destroyer over Paul Diamond 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales over Ruffy Colden. Mr. Moto over Johnny Vander

February 2, 1965- Long Beach

The Destroyer over Ernie Ladd 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales and Mr. Moto over The Executioner and The Axeman. The Hangman over Johnny Vander. Billy Red Lyons over Ramon Zarvala

February 3, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons drew Shohei Baba and Mr. Moto. Ernie Ladd over Red Rhodes. Paul Diamond over John Vander. Ken Yates over Bill Cody 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales over The Hangman 2/3 falls (Default in 2nd fall)

February 8, 1965- Pasadena

Pedro Morales over Billy Red Lyons. Shohei Baba over Larry Evans. Mr. Moto over Ken Yates. Pedro Morales and Mr. Moto over Larry Evans and Ken Yates

February 9, 1965- Long Beach

Pedro Morales over The Axeman. The Destroyer over Ernie Ladd. Billy Red Lyons over Larry Evans. The Hangman over Don Chuey. Shohei Baba over Ken Yates

February 10, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons over Ernie Ladd and Paul Diamond 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales over The Hangman

February 15, 1965- Pasadena

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons drew Pedro Morales and Mr. Moto. Karl Von Stroheim over Paul Diamond in 2 straight falls. The Destroyer drew Mr. Moto

February 16, 1965- Long Beach

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons drew Ernie Ladd and Shohei Baba. Pedro Morales over The Hangman. Karl Von Stroheim over Larry Evans. Ken Yates drew Johnny Vander.

February 18, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Victor the Bear over The Destroyer (DQ). Karl Von Stroheim and Kurt Von Stroheim (Kurt Stein) over Mr. Moto and Larry Evans in 2 straight falls

February 22, 1965- Pasadena

Victor the Bear over The Masked Man. Pedro Morales over The Hangman. (Midgets) Tiny Tim and The Jamaica Kid over Irish Jackie and Sky Low Low.

February 23, 1965- Long Beach

(Midgets) Irish Jackie and Sky Low Low over Tiny Tim and The Jamaica Kid. Pedro Morales over Karl Von Stroheim. Billy Red Lyons over Bill Cody. Kurt Von Stroheim over Paul Diamond

February 24, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales over Luke Graham in 2 straight falls. (Midgets) Tiny Tim and The Jamaica Kid over Irish Jackie and Pancho Lopez. Kurt Von Stroheim over Ken Yates. The Hangman drew Ernie Ladd. Shohei Baba over Karl Von Stroheim (DQ)

March 1, 1965- Pasadena

Pedro Morales over Karl Von Stroheim. Joe Carrollo over Ken Yates. Shohei Baba drew Karl Von Stroheim

March 2, 1965- Long Beach

The Destroyer and Sky Low Low over Shohei Baba and The Jamaica Kid. Pedro Morales over Karl Von Stroheim

March 3, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Sky Low Low and Billy Red Lyons over The Jamaica Kid and Mr. Moto. The Destroyer over Paul Diamond in 2 straight falls. Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim over Shohei Baba (Handicap). Pedro Morales over Ken Yates. Don Savage over Bill Cody. (Midgets) Tiny Tim drew Irish Jackie.

March 8, 1965- Pasadena

Mr. Moto and Shohei Baba over Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim. Don Chuey drew Tony Croft. Mr. Moto drew Kurt Von Stroheim

March 10, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Shohei Baba and Mr. Moto drew Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim. Billy Red Lyons over Paul Diamond 2/3 falls. Joe Carrollo over Preacher Bill. Luis Hernandez (Lee Garcia) over Don Savage

March 12, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales over The Destroyer to win the **W.W.A Title** (1st and 2nd falls were DCOR). Don Chuey and Joe Carrollo over Preacher Bill and Art Mahalik. Luis Hernandez drew Billy Red Lyons. Mr. Moto drew Karl Von Stroheim. Kurt Von Stroheim over Paul Diamond

March 15, 1965- Pasadena

Victor the Bear over Broadway Venus. Mr. Moto drew Billy Red Lyons. Paul Diamond over Horst Vessel. Al Green over Don Savage.

March 17, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim over Don Chuey and Joe Carrollo. Pedro Morales over Preacher Bill. Billy Red Lyons over Broadway Venus. Luis Hernandez over Johnny Vander. Mr. Moto drew Al Green

March 22, 1965- Pasadena

Mr. Moto over Billy Red Lyons. The Destroyer over Paul Diamond. Joe Carrollo over Bill Cody

March 24, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons over Mr. Moto and Don Chuey. Luis Hernandez over Boris Vessel. Karl Von Stroheim over Joe Carrollo. Baron Gattoni over Al Green. Karl Von Stroheim over Paul Diamond.

March 29, 1965- Pasadena

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons over Mr. Moto and Baron Gattoni. Luis Hernandez drew Kurt Von Stroheim. Billy Red Lyons over Bobby Yuma.

April 1, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Baron Gattoni over Kurt Von Stroheim. Karl Von Stroheim drew Paul Diamond. Luis Hernandez drew Billy Red Lyons. Chief White Eagle over Al Green. Billy Tipton over The Preacher (Clyde Steeves)

April 2, 1965- Olympic Auditorium (10.247)

W.W.A Title: Pedro Morales (Champion) over The Destroyer (DQ-interference by Billy Red Lyons).

W.W.A Tag Team Title: Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim (Champions) over Luis Hernandez and Baron Gattoni. Billy Red Lyons over Gonzalez Gonzalez. Mr. Moto drew Al Greene. Chief White Eagle over Horst Vessel

April 6, 1965- Pasadena

Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim over The Destroyer and The Hangman. Luis Hernandez over Don Savage. Luis Hernandez drew The Hangman

April 8, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Tag Team Title: Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim (Champions) drew The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons. Pedro Morales over Al Marshall. Chief White Eagle over Don Savage. Luis Hernandez over Horst Vessel. Will Vamper over Johnny Vander

April 12, 1965- Pasadena (900)

Kurt Von Stroheim over The Destroyer. Luis Hernandez over Karl Von Stroheim. El Magnifico over Dick Chaney

April 14, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer drew Lord James Blears 2/3 falls. Billy Red Lyons over Paul Diamond. Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over Al Marshall and Don Savage. Chief White Eagle over Kurt Von Stroheim (DQ). Karl Von Stroheim drew El Vampire

April 19, 1965- Pasadena

Kurt Von Stroheim over Luis Hernandez

April 21, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over K.O Murphy and Don Duffy. The Destroyer over Lou Palado. Gino Garibaldi drew Kurt Von Stroheim. Karl Von Stroheim drew Chief White Eagle.

April 26, 1965- Pasadena

The Destroyer over Karl Von Stroheim (Cage match)

April 28, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over Chief White Eagle 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over Johnny Vander and Don Savage. Billy Red Lyons drew Kurt Von Stroheim. Don Duffy drew Billy Klutzer

May 3, 1965- Pasadena

Pedro Morales over Kurt Von Stroheim. Luis Hernandez over Don Duffy. Karl Von Stroheim drew Jack Allen.

May 5, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons over Paul Diamond and Chief White Eagle. Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez drew Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim. Billy Klutzer over Lou Palacio. Jack Allen over Don Savage.

May 13, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title. Pedro Morales (Champion) drew The Destroyer 2/3 falls. The Assassins over Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim to win the **W.W.A Tag Team Title.** Luis Hernandez drew Jack Allen. Billy Red Lyons drew Chief White Eagle. The Butcher (Don Jardine) over Billy Klutzer

May 17, 1965- Pasadena

The Assassins over Kurt and Karl Von Stroheim in 2 straight falls. Pedro Morales over Broadway Venus in 2 straight falls. Karl Von Stroheim over Mr. X

May 19, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales over Karl Von Stroheim. The Assassins over Billy Klutzer and Paul Diamond. Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over Ripper Collins and K.O Murphy. The Butcher over Billy Klutzer

June 2, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Luis Hernandez over Ripper Collins. Luke Graham over Tony Galaraga. The Assassins over Little Tokyo (Antoni Inoki) and Don Savage. The Butcher over Chief White Eagle.

June 9, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over Ripper Collins and Tony Galaraga 2/3 falls. Luke Graham over Gonzalez Gonzalez. The Butcher over Vasauey. The Assassins over Chief White Eagle and Mr. Moto

June 16, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Butcher over Chief White Eagle. The Butcher over Luis Hernandez. Chief White Eagle over Ripper Collins in 2 straight falls. The Assassins over Don Chuey and Mr. Moto. Mr. Moto over Tony Galaraga

June 21, 1965- Pasadena

The Butcher over Mr. Moto. Assassin #2 over Luis Hernandez. Assassin #1 over Chief White Eagle

June 23, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title Pedro Morales (Champion) over Luke Graham (DQ). The Assassins over Don Chuey and Joe Carrollo. Mr. Moto drew The Butcher. Chief White Eagle drew Ripper Collins. Luis Hernandez over Tony Galaraga. Assassins win Battle Royal

June 28, 1965- Pasadena

Mr. Moto over The Butcher The Assassins over Don Savage and Ripper Collins. Ripper Collins drew Assassin #1.

June 30, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Luis Hernandez drew The Butcher Pedro Morales over Bill Cody. The Assassins over Chief White Eagle and Tony Galaraga. Luke Graham over Art Mahalik.

July 7, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Mr. Moto over The Butcher 2/3 falls (DQ) Luke Graham over Chief White Eagle. The Satrons over Don Chuey and Joe Blango. Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over Ox Anderson and Tony Galaraga.

July 9, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Tag Team Title: Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over The Assassins (Champions) (DQ). The Butcher over Mr. Moto. Chief White Eagle over Tony Galaraga. Don Chuey over Don Savage. Luke Graham over Don Anderson Paul Diamond over Art Mahalik

July 11, 1965- Pasadena

Luke Graham drew Luis Hernandez Mr. Moto over Assassin #1. Assassin #2 over Paul Diamond

July 13, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Luke Graham over Great Pablo Pedro Morales over Billy Klutzer. The Assassins drew Mr. Moto and Luis Hernandez. The Butcher over Broadway Venus

July 18, 1965- Pasadena

Pedro Morales over The Mummy (Benji Ramirez) (Mummy knifed by an older fan following the match). Mr. Moto drew The Butcher Luis Hernandez over Art Mahalik.

July 20, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Assassin #2 drew Luis Hernandez Assassin #1 over Chief White Eagle. The Butcher over Von Pirec in 2 straight falls The Kentuckians- Luke Brown and Jake "Grizzly" Smith over K.O Murphy and Art Mahalik.

July 23, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Luke Graham over Pedro Morales in 2/3 falls to win the **W.W.A Title** (COR). The Assassins drew The Destroyer and Billy Red Lyons Luis Hernandez over Chief White Eagle The Kentuckians over The Butcher and Art Mahalik. The Hangman drew Mr. Moto

July 26, 1965- Pasadena

Victor the Bear over Tuffy Truesdale Pedro Morales over The Axeman in 2 straight falls. Luis Hernandez over The Butcher. The Assassin over Broadway Venus.

July 28, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Assassins drew Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez. The Butcher over Ruben Vazquez. Billy Red Lyons drew Mr. Moto The Kentuckians over Broadway Venus and Johnny Vander

August 2, 1965- Pasadena

Pasadena Title: Pedro Morales over Billy Red Lyons 2/3 falls (DQ) The Destroyer over Chief White Eagle. Luis Hernandez over The Butcher

August 4, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Kentuckians over The Assassins (DQ) Pedro Morales drew The Destroyer. Billy Red Lyons over Art Mahalik. Luis Hernandez over Chief White Eagle

August 8, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Souvenir
PROGRAM

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8, 1965

25c

**UNDISPUTED WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT
WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP**



CRAZY LUKE GRAHAM



TOYONOBORI

ANOTHER CAL EATON SPORTS PRESENTATION
JULES STRONGBOW, Matchmaker

W.W.A Title: Luke Graham (Champion) over The Butcher. The Kentuckians over The Assassins to win the
W.W.A Tag Team Title Pedro Morales over Rod Orell. The Destroyer drew Mr. Moto. Billy Red Lyons drew Luis Hernandez

August 9, 1965- Pasadena

Pedro Morales over Red Rhodes (The Butcher No Shows). Luis Hernandez over Billy Red Lyons. Mr. Moto over Tony Croft.

August 11, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales over Luke Graham (DQ). Rod Orell over Billy Tipton. The Assassins over Luis Hernandez and Chief White Eagle. The Kentuckians over The Butcher and Art Mahalik

August 18, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Butcher drew Jack Allen. Toyonobori over Rod Orell. Pedro Morales drew Billy Red Lyons. Luke Graham over Bill Klutzer

August 23, 1965- Pasadena

Pedro Morales over Assassin #2. Mr. Moto drew Assassin #2. Mr. Moto drew Assassin #1 (DCOR). Jack Allen over The Mummy (DQ)

August 25, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

The Assassins drew Pedro Morales and Billy Red Lyons. The Kentuckians over The Butcher and Ramon Lopez. Mickey Kwenley over Johnny Vander. Luke Graham over Jack Allen (DQ)

September 2, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Nick Bockwinkle drew The Butcher. The Kentuckians over The Mummy and Art Mahalik. Toyonobori over El Bandito Lopez. Billy Red Lyons drew Jack Allen

September 9, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title- U.S Version vs. Japanese Version: Toyonobori over Luke Graham 2/3 falls (DQ). The Assassins drew Pedro Morales and Alberto Torres. Gorilla Monsoon (Gino Marella) over Jack Allen. The Kentuckians over The Mummy and Vince Bagola. The Butcher over Mr. Moto. Nick Bockwinkle drew Billy Red Lyons. Yoshima Sato over Bandito Lopez

September 13, 1965- Pasadena

Luke Graham over Mr. Moto in 2 straight falls. Gorilla Monsoon over Jack Allen in 2 straight falls. Nick Bockwinkle drew Pedro Ramos

September 15, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales drew Nick Bockwinkle. Gorilla Monsoon over Billy Tipton and Al Para in 2 straight falls. The Kentuckians over Al Vancino and Al Para in 2 straight falls. Alberto Torres over The Mummy.

September 20, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title- U.S Version vs. Japanese Version: Luke Graham over Toyonobori 2/3 falls to win the **W.W.A Title**. The Kentuckians over The Butcher and Chuck Karbo. Gorilla Monsoon over Tony Galaraga. Pedro Morales drew Assassin #1. Nick Bockwinkle drew Assassin #2. Alberto Torres over Jack Allen.

September 22, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Luke Graham drew Nick Bockwinkle (DCOR). Pedro Morales over Bandito Lopez

September 27, 1965- Pasadena

W.W.A Title: Luke Graham (Champion) over Jack Allen 2/3 falls. Gorilla Monsoon over Bandito Lopez in 2 straight falls. Nick Bockwinkle drew Don Duffy

September 29, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales over Don Duffy. Gorilla Monsoon over Jack Allen. Nick Bockwinkle over Tony Galaraga. Alberto Torres over Johnny Vander. Kentuckian ? over K.O Murphy

October 4, 1965- Pasadena

The Kentuckians over The Mummy and Ox Anderson in 2 straight falls. Nick Bockwinkle drew Pedro Morales. Luke Brown over The Mummy

October 6, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Jake Smith over Luke Graham (Champion) (DQ). Pedro Morales drew Lonnie "Moondog" Mayne. Gorilla Monsoon over Tony Galaraga. Nick Bockwinkle over Jack Allen. Alberto Torres drew Ox Anderson. Luke Brown over Johnny Vander

October 11, 1965- Pasadena

Luke Graham drew Alberto Torres. Nick Bockwinkle over Johnny Vander in 2 straight falls. Ox Anderson over Jack Allen

October 13, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales over Luke Graham 2/3 falls to win the **W.W.A Title** (Graham injured). Bobo Brazil drew Gorilla Monsoon. The Kentuckians over Lonnie Mayne and Ox Anderson. Alberto Torres over The Mummy. Nick Bockwinkle over Pancho Lopez. Jack Allen over Johnny Vander

October 18, 1965- Pasadena

Pedro Morales over Bandito Lopez in 2 straight falls. Nick Bockwinkle over Ox Anderson in 2 straight falls. Gorilla Monsoon over Tony Galaraga

October 20, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Alberto Torres drew Ox Anderson. Gorilla Monsoon and Luke Graham over Jack Allen and El Vampiro

October 25, 1965- Pasadena

W.W.A Title: Pedro Morales (Champion) over Lonnie Mayne 2/3 falls. Nick Bockwinkle over The Mummy 2/3 falls. Jack Allen over Johnny Vander 2/3 falls.

October 27, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

No results available

November 1, 1965- Pasadena

Luke Graham over Nick Bockwinkle 2/3 falls. The Mummy over Jack Allen. Kentuckian Jake Smith over Bandito Lopez.

November 3, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Tag Team Title: Luke Graham and Gorilla Monsoon over The Kentuckians (COR). Pedro Morales over Ox Anderson in 2 straight falls. Lonnie Mayne over Jack Allen. Nick Bockwinkle over Bandito Lopez. The Mummy over Billy Tipton

November 8, 1965- Pasadena

Luke Graham drew Nick Bockwinkle 2/3 falls. Gorilla Monsoon over The Mummy in 2 straight falls. Jack Allen over Johnny Vander

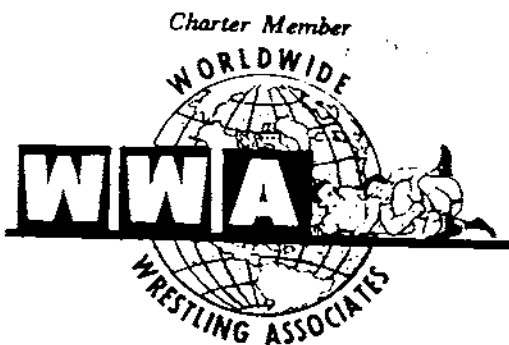
November 10, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

(Midgets) Sky Low Low over The Jamaican Kid. Lonny Mayne over Dick Chaney. Gorilla Monsoon over Jack Allen. Nick Bockwinkle over Tony Galaraga. (Midgets) Pancho Lopez over Tiny Cupid

November 17, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM WRESTLING

**N
E
W
S**



15c

Wednesday, November 24, 1965 - RI 9-5171

15c

MORALES vs. MONSOON FOR TITLE & RAY STEVENS vs. ERIC FROELICH ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - NO TV



PEDRO MORALES



GORILLA MONSOON



RAY STEVENS



ERIC FROELICH

P. EDWARDS
4168 HAMILTON ST.
SAN DIEGO CAL.

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Los Angeles, Calif.
Permit No. 12360

OLYMPIC BOXING AND
WRESTLING CLUB
1801 So. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90015
RETURN REQUESTED

Enrique Torres drew Lonnie Mayne. Pedro Morales over Bandito Lopez in 2 straight falls. Gorilla Monsoon and Luke Graham over Nick Bockwinkle and The Mummy

November 24, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Nick Bockwinkle drew El Mongol. Luke Graham and Gorilla Monsoon over Bandito Lopez and Tony Galaraga. Pedro Morales over Jack Allen. Lonnie Mayne over Johnny Vander

November 26, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Pedro Morales (Champion) drew Gorilla Monsoon 2/3 falls. Ray Stevens over Eric Froelich. Luke Graham over Johnny Kace. Lonnie Mayne and El Mongol over Nick Bockwinkle and Jack Allen. Enrique Torres over Tony Galaraga. Johnny Vander over Bandito Lopez.

December 1, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Enrique Torres over Lonnie Mayne and Johnny Vander 2/3 falls. Gorilla Monsoon drew Luke Graham. Nick Bockwinkle over Bandito Lopez. El Mongol over Jack Allen.

December 6, 1965- Pasadena

Mr. Moto over Luke Graham 2/3 falls

December 8, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Enrique Torres over The Mummy and Don Savage. Nick Bockwinkle over Billy Klutzer. Lonnie Mayne over Jack Allen. El Mongol over Chief White Eagle

December 13, 1965

Betty Boucher (Bochee) over Judy Grable 2/3 falls (DQ). Nick Bockwinkle and Mr. Moto over Luke Graham and El Mongol. Nick Bockwinkle drew El Mongol

December 15, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Enrique Torres over Luke Graham and Lonnie Mayne. Mr. Moto over El Mongol

December 20, 1965- Pasadena

Linda Carrol over Toni Rose 2/3 falls. Gorilla Monsoon over Nick Bockwinkle. El Mongol over Mr. Moto

December 22, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Gorilla Monsoon and El Mongol over Pedro Morales and Enrique Torres. Judy Grable over Betty Boucher. Linda Carrol over Toni Rose. Linda Carrol over Judy Grable. Mr. Moto and Lonnie Mayne over Luke Graham and Jack Allen. Cowboy Jack Lanza over Tony Galaraga

December 27, 1965- Pasadena

Linda Carrol over Ms. Dixie Jones 2/3 falls. Pedro Morales and Mr. Moto over Gorilla Monsoon and El Mongol. Pedro Morales over El Mongol

December 29, 1965- Olympic Auditorium

Jack Lanza and Nick Bockwinkle drew Lonnie Mayne and Luke Graham. El Mongol over Pedro Morales (DQ). Linda Carrol over Toni Rose. Gorilla Monsoon over Johnny Vander

1966 W.W.A WRESTLING

January 6, 1966- Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles California

Mr. Moto over Luke Graham (DQ). Lonnie Mayne drew Joe Carollo. Gorilla Monsoon over Ruben Basquey. Nick Bockwinkle drew Cowboy Jack Lanza

January 12, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

OFFICIAL

Souvenir
PROGRAM

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1966

25c

World Heavyweight Wrestling Championship



PEDRO MORALES — Champion

VS.

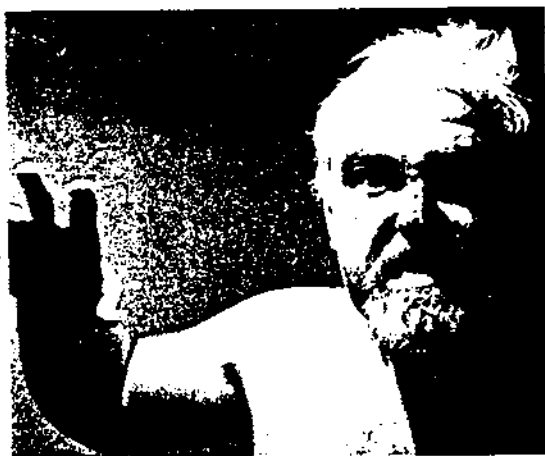


EL MONGOL — Challenger



GORILLA MONSOON

VS.



(CRAZY) LUKE GRAHAM

ANOTHER CAL EATON SPORTS PRESENTATION

JULES STRONGBOW, Matchmaker

Luke Graham drew Jack Lanza. Gorilla Monsoon and El Mongol over Joe Carollo and Johnny Vander. Pedro Morales drew The Mad Butcher. Lonnie Mayne over Tony Galarza

January 19, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Luke Graham and Lonnie Mayne over Jack Lanza and Jack Allen. El Mongol over Bob Koppel. Gorilla Monsoon drew Joe Carollo. The Mad Butcher drew Mr. Moto

January 26, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Gorilla Monsoon and El Mongol drew Alberto Torres and Joe Carollo. Lonnie Mayne drew The Mad Butcher. Luke Graham over The Mummy. Jack Lanza over Bob Koppel

February 2, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Gorilla Monsoon and El Mongol over Luke Graham and Mr. Moto 2/3 falls. Jack Lanza over Don Savage. Lonnie Mayne drew Bob Koppel. Alberto Torres over Bill Klutzer

February 9, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Thunderbolt Patterson and Alberto Torres over Gorilla Monsoon and El Mongol to win the **W.W.A Tag Team Title**. Jack Lanza over Johnny Vander. Luke Graham over Bob Koppel. Lonnie Mayne over Don Savage

February 13, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Pedro Morales (Champion) over El Mongol 2/3 falls (match stopped due to bleeding). Gorilla Monsoon over Jack Lanza. Thunderbolt Patterson and Alberto Torres drew Luke Graham and Lonnie Mayne. Holly Howard over Nellie Yetts. Bill Watts over The Spoiler. Mr. Moto over Art Mahalik

February 16, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

(Midgets) Little Beaver and Johnny Kid over Fuzzy Cupid and Cowboy Cassidy. Luke Graham and Lonnie Mayne over Jack Lanza and Bob Koppel. El Mongol over Broadway Venus. Thunderbolt Patterson over K.O. Murphy. Alberto Torres over Nikita Mulkovich (DQ).

February 23, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Alberto Torres drew Luke Graham 2/3 falls. Thunderbolt Patterson over Don Savage. Nikita Mulkovich drew Jack Lanza. Krusher Karlsen (Karl "Swede" Karlsen) over Broadway Venus

February 25, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

El Mongol over Gorilla Monsoon to win the **Brass Knuckles Title** (DQ). Thunderbolt Patterson over Luke Graham. Mighty Atlas (Mexican Atlas) over Dave Cox. Alberto Torres drew Jack Lanza. Nikita Mulkovich over Bob Koppel. Krusher Karlsen over Don Savage

March 2, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Buddy Austin drew Alberto Torres. Gorilla Monsoon and Krusher Karlsen over Jack Lanza and Dave Cox. Thunderbolt Patterson drew Nikita Mulkovich. Mighty Atlas drew Tony Galarza

March 9, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Alberto Torres and Thunderbolt Patterson drew El Mongol and Nikita Mulkovich. Buddy Austin over Dave Cox. Gorilla Monsoon over Tony Galarza. Mighty Atlas drew Jack Lanza

March 16, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Buddy Austin over Bobby Meyer. Thunderbolt Patterson over Nikita Mulkovich. Alberto Torres over Jack Lanza. Mighty Atlas over Billy Klutzer

March 23, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Buddy Austin over Rick Renaldo. Gorilla Monsoon over Broadway Venus. El Mongol over Jack Lanza (Default). Beatnik Bill drew Bill Klutzer. Alberto Torres and Thunderbolt Patterson over Mighty Atlas and Johnny Vander

March 30, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Gorilla Monsoon and Alberto Torres over Buddy Austin and Mighty Atlas 2/3 falls. (Midgets) Little Beaver of Cowboy Cassidy. Gorilla Monsoon over Rick Renaldo. Beatnik Bill over Billy Tipton. El Mongol over Jack Lanza. (Midgets) Fuzzy Cupid drew Jamaica Kid

April 6, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Jack Lanza drew Alberto Torres. Buddy Austin and El Mongol over Don Savage and Rick Renaldo. Nikita Mulkovich drew Thunderbolt Patterson. Mighty Atlas over Billy Tipton

April 13, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Gorilla Monsoon over Nikita Mulkovich and El Mongol (Mulkovich had whiskers shaven after the match). Buddy Austin drew Thunderbolt Patterson. Alberto Torres over Mighty Atlas. Beatnik Duke over Billy Tipton. Jack Lanza over Johnny Vander.

April 20, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Tag Team Title (U.S Tag Team Title?): Buddy Austin and El Mongol drew Alberto Torres and Thunderbolt Patterson. Kathy Starr drew Johnnie Mae Young. Princess Toma drew La Santa. Gorilla Monsoon drew Jack Lanza. Ray Ludlow over Mighty Atlas (DQ)

April 27, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Buddy Austin over Ray Ludlow. Thunderbolt Patterson over Gorilla Monsoon (Forfeit). Louis Shermades over Johnny Vander. El Mongol over Rick Renaldo. Jack Lanza over Nikita Mulkovich. Beatnik Bill over Billy Klutzer

May 4, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Buddy Austin over Rick Hunter. Bobo Brazil and Thunderbolt Patterson over Mighty Atlas and Don Savage. Luis Hernandez drew Nikita Mulkovich. El Mongol drew Jack Lanza

May 6, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Tag Team Title: Buddy Austin and El Mongol (Champions) over Bobo Brazil and Thunderbolt Patterson. Johnnie Mae Young and Lasonte over Mae Weston and Josie Rivera. Luis Hernandez over Mighty Atlas. Jack Lanza over Don Savage. Nikita Mulkovich over Broadway Venus. Art Mahalik over Johnny Vander

May 11, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Buddy Austin over Larry Williams in 2 straight falls. Luis Hernandez over Don Savage. Johnnie Mae Young over Mae Weston. Thunderbolt Patterson and Jack Lanza drew El Mongol and Nikita Mulkovich. Nikita Mulkovich drew Jack Lanza.

May 18, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Nikita Mulkovich and El Mongol over Bruce Kirk (Frank Monte) and Marva Toga. Luis Hernandez over Mighty Atlas. Baby Destroyer (Don Duffy) over Ray Ludlow. Baby Destroyer drew Jack Lanza

May 25, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

No results available

May 27, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Pedro Morales (Champion) over Crusher Ray Shields (Frank Shields/Bull Bullinski) 2/3 falls. Bobo Brazil and Bearcat Wright over Buddy Austin and El Mongol (DQ). Luis Hernandez over Bob Boyer. Thunderbolt Patterson over Nikita Mulkovich. Jack Lanza over Art Mahalik. Bruce Kirk drew Mighty Atlas.

June 1, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Buddy Austin and El Mongol over Jack Lanza and Billy Klutzer. Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over Baby Destroyer and Don Savage. Thunderbolt Patterson drew Mighty Atlas. Bruce Kirk over Johnny Vander

June 8, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over Mighty Atlas and Art Mahalik. Buddy Austin and El Mongol over Mava Toga and Ray Ludlow. Lonnie Mayne drew Bruce Kirk. Thunderbolt Patterson drew Nikita Mulkovich

June 10, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil over Buddy Austin (match stopped due to bleeding). Pedro Morales over Stan Neilson. Nikita Mulkovich drew Baby Destroyer. Lonnie Mayne and El Mongol over Luis Hernandez and Jack Lanza. Thunderbolt Patterson drew Mighty Atlas. (Lady Midgets) Darling Dagmar over Diamond Lil

June 15, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Lonnie Mayne drew Jack Lanza. Buddy Austin and El Mongol over Bruce Kirk and Rick Renaldo. Mighty Atlas drew Nikita Mulkovich

June 22, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil over Art Mahalik. Magnificent Maurice (Gene Dubuque) over Bruce Kirk. Crusher Shields over Benny Rayo. Lonnie Mayne drew Jack Lanza. Kathy Starr over Mae Weston

June 24, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over Buddy Austin and El Mongol to win the **W.W.A Tag Team Title**. Bobo Brazil over Crusher Shields. Mae Young over Kathy Starr. Magnificent Maurice over Jack Lanza. Lonnie Mayne over Benny Rayo. Mr. Moto over Mighty Atlas. Mae Weston over Princess Tona Tomah

June 29, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Luis Hernandez over Baby Destroyer. Buddy Austin and El Mongol over Don Savage and Benny Rayo. Lonnie Mayne over Mick Hoga. Pedro Morales over Art Mahalik

July 6, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer over Bobo Brazil. Buddy Austin over Ray Ludlow and Benny Rayo. Lou Thesz over El Mongol. Bobo Brazil won a Battle Royal (eliminates The Destroyer to win). Art Mahalik drew Mighty Atlas

July 8, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Tag Team Title: Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez (Champions) over Buddy Austin and El Mongol. Lou Thesz drew The Destroyer. Bobo Brazil over Magnificent Maurice. Mae Young over Mae Weston. Mr. Moto over Lonnie Mayne (DQ). Mighty Atlas over Don Savage

July 13, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Baby Destroyer over Lonnie Mayne. Buddy Austin over two opponents. Chief Big Heart over Mighty Atlas. Magnificent Maurice over Art Mahalik

July 20, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil, Luis Hernandez and Don Savage over Magnificent Maurice, Vigilante and Art Mahalik. Bobo Brazil over Baby Destroyer. The Destroyer over Cowboy Hughes. Chief Big Heart drew Professor Ito (Umanosuke Ueda). Lonnie Mayne drew Mighty Atlas

July 22, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Buddy Austin over Pedro Morales (Champion) (DQ). Bobo Brazil over The Destroyer 2/3 falls. Vigilantes (Bobby and Jerry Christy/Colt) drew Luis Hernandez and Mr. Moto. Magnificent Maurice

drew Chief Big Heart. Great Ito (Umanosuke Ueda) over Lonnie Mayne. Mighty Atlas over Cowboy Hughes

July 27, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Luis Hernandez drew The Destroyer. Vigilantes over Chief Big Heart and Don Savage. Magnificent Maurice drew Dick Chaney. Bobo Brazil over Rick Renaldo

August 3, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Luis Hernandez drew Magnificent Maurice. Vigilantes over Mr. Moto and Professor Ito. Bobo Brazil over Broadway Venus. Chief Big Heart over Mighty Atlas (DQ)

August 5, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Buddy Austin over Pedro Morales to win the **W.W.A Title**. Bobo Brazil over The Hangman. Vigilantes over Luis Hernandez and Mr. Moto. Magnificent Maurice over Chief Big Heart. Professor Ito over Art Mahalik. Mighty Atlas over Don Savage

August 10, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

California Title: Luis Hernandez drew Pedro Morales. Buddy Austin and Magnificent Maurice over Chief Big Heart and Rick Renaldo. Bobo Brazil over The Vigilantes (Handicap). Professor Ito over K.O Murphy

August 17, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil over Masked Spoiler. Pedro Morales won a Battle Royal (eliminated Chuck Santelli to win). Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over Magnificent Maurice and Art Mahalik. Professor Ito over Don Savage. Chief Big Heart over Vigilante II. Vigilante I over Chuck Santelli. Professor Ito drew Magnificent Maurice

August 19, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Buddy Austin (Champion) drew Bobo Brazil. Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over The Vigilantes (Referee decision). The Destroyer drew Magnificent Maurice. Mr. Moto drew Fritz Von Goering. Professor Ito over Rick Renaldo. Chief Big Heart over Broadway Venus

August 24, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez over The Destroyer and El Mongol (Referee decision). Buddy Austin over Thunderbolt Patterson. Jeri Hall over Mae Weston. Magnificent Maurice over Rick Renaldo. Chief Big Heart drew Don Savage

August 31, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer, Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez drew El Mongol, Magnificent Maurice and Resuda. Work outs: Bobo Brazil, The Destroyer and Pedro Morales. Jeri Hall over Mae Weston. Resuda over Benny Rias

September 2, 1966- Olympic Auditorium (10,241 with 3,000 turned away)

Bobo Brazil over Buddy Austin to win the **W.W.A Title** (match stopped due to bleeding). The Destroyer over Magnificent Maurice. Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez drew Mike Paidousis and Fritz Von Goering. Betty Lopez over Mae Young. Professor Ito over Chief Big Heart

September 7, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez drew Mike Paidousis and Fritz Von Goering. Buddy Austin over Chief Big Heart. Bobo Brazil over Mike Gartanio

September 14, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Luis Hernandez drew Mike Paidousis. Mark Lewin over Crusher Shields. Pedro Morales over El Mongol. Magnificent Maurice over Chief Big Heart

*Around this date, the W.W.A Commission stripped Bobo Brazil of the W.W.A Title and returned it to Buddy Austin. The Commission ruled that there was no pin in the September 2, 1966 match, in which Austin could not continue due to excessive bleeding and about fifty koko butts (headbutts) from Brazil. Therefore, Austin should not have lost the title. I believe that there was a rematch on September 16, 1966 that ended in a draw, but have been unable to locate a record of the match in the LA Times and Pasadena Star News.

September 16, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

No results available

September 21, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales, Bobo Brazil and Luis Hernandez drew Mike Paidousis, Fritz Von Goering and Magnificent Maurice. El Mongol over Billy Klutzer. Buddy Austin over Jack Garland. Broadway Venus over Professor Ito

September 28, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Little Beaver over Magnificent Maurice and Sky Low Low. Luis Hernandez drew El Mongol. Gorilla Marconi (Frank Marconi) drew Lou Anthony. Mark Lewin over Broadway Venus

September 31, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Buddy Austin (Champion) over The Destroyer (DQ). Bobo Brazil over El Mongol. Mark Lewin over Gorilla Marconi. (Midgets) Cowboy Bradley and Little Beaver over Sky Low Low and Fuzzy Cupid. Pedro Morales over Magnificent Maurice. Luis Hernandez drew Hard Boiled Haggerty.

October 5, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil and Mark Lewin over Magnificent Maurice and The Hangman. Rita Marey over Mae Weston. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Luis Hernandez. Pedro Morales drew El Mongol. Lou Thesz over Gorilla Marconi

October 12, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil and Mark Lewin over El Mongol and Broadway Venus. Pedro Morales over Gorilla Marconi. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Joe Flores. El Shereef (Jerry Woods) over Jack Garfano. Luis Hernandez drew Magnificent Maurice

October 14, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Lou Thesz over Buddy Austin in 2/3 falls to win the **W.W.A Title**. The Destroyer, Bobo Brazil and Mark Lewin over Hard Boiled Haggerty. El Mongol and Magnificent Maurice. Rita Marey over Mae Young. Luis Hernandez over Gorilla Marconi. El Shereef over Chief Big Heart. Pedro Morales over Joe Flores

October 19, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer and Pedro Morales drew Buddy Austin and Magnificent Maurice. El Shereef over Luis Hernandez. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Gorilla Marconi. (Midgets) Little Beaver and Cowboy Bradley drew Sky Low Low and Fuzzy Cupid

October 26, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

The Destroyer drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Mark Lewin over Broadway Venus. Pedro Morales drew El Shereef. **California Title:** Rita Marey over Mae Young. Haystack Calhoun over Gorilla Marconi

October 28, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

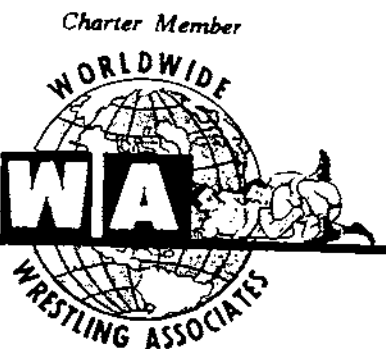
Mark Lewin over Lou Thesz in 2/3 falls to win the **W.W.A Title**. El Shereef and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez to win the **W.W.A Tag Team Title**. Rita Marey over Mae Young. Buddy Austin over Haystack Calhoun. The Destroyer drew El Mongol. Magnificent Maurice over Gorilla Marconi

November 2, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM WRESTLING

**N
E
W
S**

WWA



Charter Member

15c

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1966 - RI 9-5171

15c

BLOOD BATH REMATCH SET FRI. NIGHT, NOV. 25 LEWIN, AUSTIN BOTH CONFIDENT OF VICTORY BRAZIL & CALHOUN GO AFTER TAG TITLE



Countdown time is Friday night at the Olympic Auditorium when the year's outstanding card is presented.

Mark Lewin gives ex champ Buddy (Killer) Austin another chance at his title belt and the tag titleholders, Hard Boiled Haggerty and El Shereef faces a formidable challenge in the king size duo of Bobo Brazil and Haystacks Calhoun.

For those who sat in on the Lewin-Austin "blood bath" Nov. 11, they witnessed one of the wildest bouts ever held at the his-

toric Olympic.

Both won a fall, but were disqualified going in the finale. Each has made victory predictions and fans can look forward to another grueling head on collision.

The supporting card is out of this world. The huge Preacher is back and he will go against Pedro Morales, the well liked Latin champion. Another top scrap pairs Mr. Moto with El Mongol. Big Rip Miller tries Magnificent Maurice and Paul Diamond vs. El Bandido.

REMEMBER NO TV, YOU MUST BE HERE IN PERSON!

Tonight's Card

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Six Man Tag Team Event

HARD BOILED HAGGERTY, EL SHEREEF & THE PREACHER

VS.

PAUL DIAMOND, MR. MOTO & ENRIQUE FLORES

BOBO BRAZIL

VS.

EL MONGOL

RIP MILLER

VS.

EL BANDIDO

PEDRO MORALES

VS.

MAGNIFICENT MAURICE

DRAW

THIS PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

These wrestling exhibitions are under the jurisdiction of the California State Athletic Commission.

El Shereef and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Enrique Flores and Luis Hernandez. Pedro Morales drew Buddy Austin. Haystack Calhoun over K.O Murphy. Magnificent Maurice drew El Bandito

November 9, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales drew Rip Miller (Bob Stanlee). El Shereef and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Enrique Flores and Haystack Calhoun. Luis Hernandez over El Bandito. Magnificent Maurice over Lou Anthony

November 11, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Mark Lewin (Champion) over Buddy Austin. **W.W.A Tag Team Title:** El Shereef and Hard Boiled Haggerty (Champions) over Pedro Morales and Luis Hernandez. Victor the Bear over The Hangman. Rip Miller drew Nick Bockwinkle. Mr. Moto over El Bandito. Magnificent Maurice drew El Mongol

November 16, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales drew Magnificent Maurice. Rip Miller drew El Mongol. Mark Lewin over Dick Chaney. El Shereef and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Mr. Moto and Ray Ludlow. Buddy Austin over Enrique Flores

November 23, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil over El Mongol. El Shereef, Hard Boiled Haggerty and The Preacher over Paul Diamond, Mr. Moto and Enrique Flores. Rip Miller over El Bandito. Pedro Morales drew Magnificent Maurice

November 26, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

No Results Available

November 30, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Mark Lewin over El Bandito. Pedro Morales drew El Mongol. Paul Diamond over Hard Boiled Haggerty (Referee decision). El Shereef over Jack Garfano. Rip Miller over Broadway Venus

December 6, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil over El Mongol. El Shereef and Hard Boiled Haggerty over Paul Diamond and Mr. Moto. Pedro Morales over Johnny Vander. Rip Miller drew Magnificent Maurice. Joe Flores drew El Bandito.

December 13, 1966- Olympic Auditorium

Killer Karl Kox over Broadway Venus. Buddy Austin drew Pedro Morales. Mark Lewin over K.O Murphy. Rip Miller drew Magnificent Maurice. El Shereef drew Paul Diamond

1967 W.W.A WRESTLING

January 4, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Paul Diamond over The Savage. Mark Lewin over Rick Renaldo. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Jack Garfano. Magnificent Maurice over Broadway Venus. El Shereef drew Enrique Romero (Ricky Romero). Killer Karl Kox over Mr. Moto.

January 11, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Edouard Carpentier and Bobo Brazil over Don Savage and Dake Miller. Mr. Hoshino over Johnny Vander. Enrique Romero over The Savage. Paul Diamond drew El Shereef.

January 13, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Killer Karl Kox over Mark Lewin (Champion) in a scheduled 2/3 falls match (Kox won the only fall and Lewin retained his W.W.A Title). **W.W.A Tag Team Title:** El Shereef and Hard Boiled Haggerty (Champions) drew Oshimo and Yamato. Edouard Carpentier over Magnificent Maurice. Bobo Brazil over The Savage. Pedro Morales over Paul Diamond. Enrique Romero over Don Savage

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM

FRI., FEB. 10, 1967

Souvenir

25c

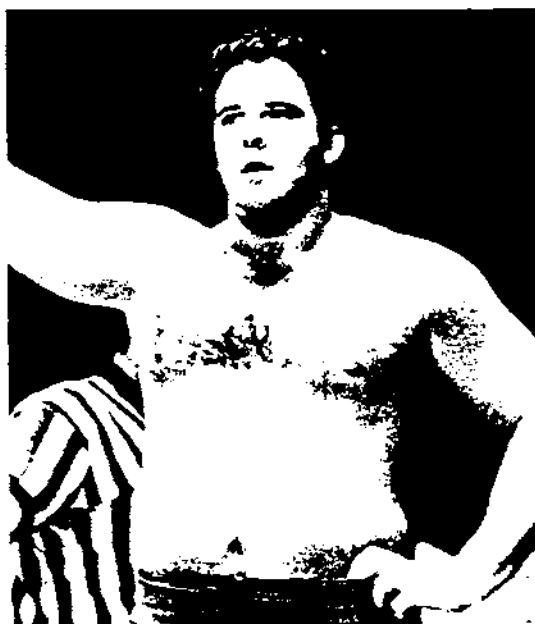
PROGRAM

WWA Heavyweight Championship

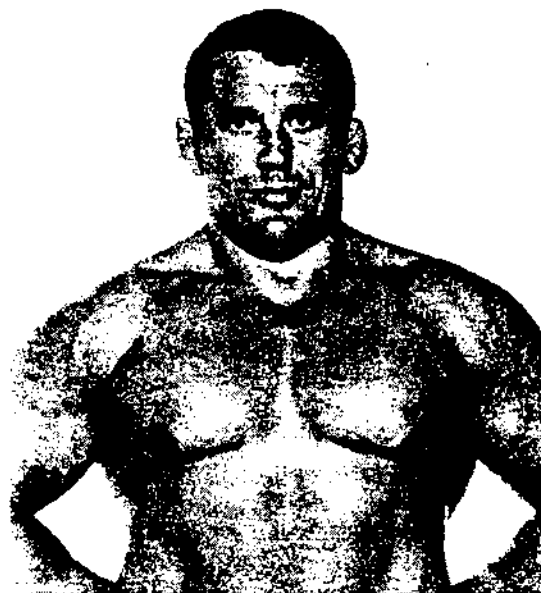
Mark
LEWIN

vs.

Edouard
CARPENTIER



CHAMPION
New York City



FORMER CHAMPION
Paris & Montreal

A MRS. CAL EATON SPORTS PRESENTATION
JULES STRONGBOW, Matchmaker

January 18, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

California Title: Mr. Hoshino over El Shereef. Mark Lewin and Pedro Morales over The Savage and Magnificent Maurice. Hatfield Hattie drew Mae Young. Mad Russian (Stan Pulaski) over Broadway Venus. Killer Karl Kox over Larry Watkins. Mr. Moto drew Hard Boiled Haggerty

January 25, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

California Title: Mr. Hoshino (Champion) drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Edouard Carpentier and Bobo Brazil over The Hangman and Johnny Vander. Killer Karl Kox over Jack Garfano. Mad Russian over Don Savage. Pedro Morales over El Shereef

January 27, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Mark Lewin (Champion) over Killer Karl Kox 2/3 falls. **W.W.A Tag Team Title:** Edouard Carpentier and Bobo Brazil over El Shereef and Hard Boiled Haggerty (Champions) (DQ). Pedro Morales drew Mad Russian. Mr. Hoshino over Paul Diamond. Mae Young over Hatfield Hattie. Mr. Moto drew Magnificent Maurice

February 1, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mad Russian over Mr. Hoshino for the **California Title**. Killer Karl Kox and El Shereef over Don Chuey and Joe Carrollo. Mark Lewin over Lou Anthony. Pedro Morales over K.O. Murphy. Ramon Ortega over Hard Boiled Haggerty.

February 8, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil, Edouard Carpentier and Mark Lewin over Hard Boiled Haggerty, El Shereef and Mad Russian. Ricky Romero over Don Chuey. Killer Karl Kox over Ramon Ortega. Pedro Morales over Johnny Vander. Mr. Hoshino drew Joe Carrollo

February 10, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Mark Lewin (Champion) over Edouard Carpentier. Killer Karl Kox vs. Bobo Brazil. Pedro Morales and Ricky Romero over Hard Boiled Haggerty and El Shereef to win the **W.W.A Tag Team Title**. Mad Russian Pulaski vs. Don Chuey. Great Dane vs. Mr. Moto. Magnificent Maurice vs. Mr. Hoshino.

February 15, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

California Title: Mad Russian Pulaski (Champion) over Mr. Hoshino. Luis Hernandez drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Mark Lewin over Johnny Vander. Pedro Morales and Ricky Romero drew The Preacher and Mighty Atlas. Mr. Moto drew Magnificent Maurice.

February 22, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mad Dog Vachon over Jess Ortega (Mighty Ursus). Killer Karl Kox and Mad Russian Pulaski over Mr. Moto and Don Savage. Rick Romero over The Hangman. Bobo Brazil over Mighty Atlas. The Preacher drew Luis Hernandez. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Jack Garfano

February 24, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Killer Karl Kox and Mad Russian Pulaski over Bobo Brazil and Mark Lewin. Mad Dog Vachon over Mr. Moto and Luis Hernandez. Ricky Romero drew The Preacher. Pedro Morales over Mighty Atlas. Great Dane drew Joe Carrollo. Ladies Battle Royal: Rita Marcy over Johnnie Mae Young, Pearl Behan, Mae Weston and Hatfield Hattie

March 1, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mad Russian Pulaski drew Luis Hernandez. Pedro Morales and Ricky Romero over Hard Boiled Haggerty and The Preacher. Mark Lewin over Kaye Fabian. Butcher Vachon over Jack Garfano and Lou Anthony. Magnificent Maurice drew Great Dane

March 8, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Ricky Romero drew Mad Russian Pulaski. Butcher Vachon and Buddy Austin over Jack Garfano and Luis Hernandez. Skull Murphy over Young Anthony. Pedro Morales over The Preacher. Killer Karl Kox over Ray Ludlow

March 10, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Mark Lewin (Champion) vs. Killer Karl Kox. Johnnie Mae Young vs. Rita Marey. Pedro Morales and Ricky Romero vs. Buddy Austin and Butcher Vachon. Skull Murphy vs. Rick Renaldo. Mad Russian Pulaski vs. Art Mahalik. The Preacher vs. Pedro Ortega

March 15, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Tag Team Title: Pedro Morales and Ricky Romero drew Buddy Austin and Butcher Vachon. Mad Russian Pulaski drew Mr. Moto. Luis Hernandez drew The Preacher. Skull Murphy over Rick Renaldo

March 22, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Skull Murphy over Mr. Moto. The Destroyer over The Preacher. Mad Russian Pulaski over Rick Renaldo. Pedro Morales drew Butcher Vachon. Bobo Brazil over Johnny Vander

March 24, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Mark Lewin drew The Destroyer. Killer Karl Kox vs. Buddy Austin. Bobo Brazil vs. The Preacher. Skull Murphy vs. Magnificent Maurice. Ricky Romero and Luis Hernandez vs. Butcher Vachon and Mad Russian Pulaski

March 29, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

California Title: Mad Russian Pulaski (Champion) drew The Destroyer. Pedro Morales, Mark Lewin and Ricky Romero over The Preacher. Butcher Vachon and Magnificent Maurice. Butcher Vachon over Mr. Moto. Luis Hernandez drew The Preacher. Pearlle Behn over Mae Weston

April 5, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Rip Hawk and Swede Hansen over Pedro Morales and Ranton Ortega. Ricky Romero over The Preacher. Skull Murphy over Luis Hernandez. Killer Karl Kox over Steve Kovacs. Mad Russian Pulaski drew Magnificent Maurice. (Midgets) Irish Jackie and Little Brutus drew Little Beaver and Sky Low Low

April 7, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Mark Lewin (Champion) vs. Skull Murphy. Buddy Austin vs. Killer Karl Kox. (Midgets) Sky Low Low vs. Little Beaver. (Midgets) Irish Jackie vs. Little Brutus. Rip Hawk and Swede Hansen vs. Ricky Romero and Luis Hernandez. Mad Russian Pulaski vs. The Preacher

April 12, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Ricky Romero over Mad Russian Pulaski to win the **California Title**. Rip Hawk and Swede Hansen over The Preacher and Abner Collins. Skull Murphy over Don Savage. Pearlle Behn over Mae Weston. (Midgets) Sky Low Low drew Little Beaver. (Midgets) Irish Jackie drew Little Brutus

April 19, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales over The Preacher. Rip Hawk and Swede Hansen over Ricky Romero and Jack Garfano. Skull Murphy over Abner Collins. Bobo Brazil over Sandor Kovacs. Chief Crazy Horse drew Mad Russian Pulaski.

April 21, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Mark Lewin (Champion) over Skull Murphy 2/3 falls (Reversed decision). Bobo Brazil over Buddy Austin. Ricky Romero drew Nick Bockwinkel. Rip Hawk and Swede Hansen over Mad Russian Pulaski and The Preacher. Pearlle Behn and Jane Shirrel. Magnificent Maurice drew Chief Crazy Horse

April 26, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Ricky Romero drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Mae Young and Mae Weston drew Rita Marey and Pearlle Behn. Skull Murphy over Eddie Sharkey. Chief Crazy Horse drew Magnificent Maurice. Nick Bockwinkle drew The Preacher

May 3, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Magnificent Maurice and Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Nick Bockwinkle and Ricky Romero. Chief Crazy Horse over Ron Romano. Killer Karl Kox drew Bobo Brazil. Skull Murphy over George Drake. Jerry Graham over Jack Garfano.

May 5, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mark Lewin and Bobo Brazil over Buddy Austin and Skull Murphy (DQ). Killer Karl Kox over Chief Crazy Horse. Nick Bockwinkle drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Ricky Romero over Art Mihalik. Joe Garfano drew Magnificent Maurice. Jerry Graham over Ron Romano

***May 9, 1967- Seoul, Korea**

Kintaro Oki over Mark Lewin to win the W.W. A Title

May 10, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Ricky Romero over Killer Karl Kox and Ron Romano. Nick Bockwinkle drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Skull Murphy over Chief Crazy Horse. Mark Lewin over Steve Stanlee. Jerry Graham over Don Savage

May 17, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Killer Karl Kox and Jerry Graham over Chief Crazy Horse and Nick Bockwinkle. Pedro Morales drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Skull Murphy over Ron Romano. Mae Young over Pearlle Behn. Magnificent Maurice drew Steve Stanlee.

May 19, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Kintaro Oki (Champion) over Mark Lewin 2/3 falls (DQ-Lewin goes crazy in the 3rd fall). Bobo Brazil over Skull Murphy. Mike Dibiasse and Killer Karl Kox vs. Pedro Morales and Ricky Romero. Pampero Firpo (billed as **Americas Champion** on arrival) drew Jerry Graham. The Destroyer over Magnificent Maurice. Chief Crazy Horse over Nick Bockwinkle

May 24, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Pampero Firpo and Nick Bockwinkle over Jerry Graham and Steve Stanlee. Mike Dibiasse over Chief Crazy Horse. Kintaro Oki over Ron Romano and Don Savage. Mark Lewin over Pedro Morales 2/3 falls. The Destroyer drew Ricky Romero. Johnny Vander drew Magnificent Maurice

May 31, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mike Dibiasse and Killer Karl Kox over Bobo Brazil and Mark Lewin. Karl Gotch over Chief Crazy Horse. Jerry Graham over Steve Kovacs. Ricky Romero drew Skull Murphy. Pampero Firpo over Ron Romano. Pedro Morales over Johnny Vander

June 2, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Kintaro Oki (Champion) over Jerry Graham in two straight falls. Mark Lewin over Pedro Morales. Lou Thesz drew Mike Dibiasse. Skull Murphy drew Killer Karl Kox. Karl Gotch over Ron Romano. Pampero Firpo over Art Mahalik. Ricky Romero drew Nick Bockwinkle

June 7, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Kintaro Oki over Art Mahalik. Mark Lewin over Jack Garfano. Pampero Firpo over Johnny Vander. Karl Gotch over Ron Romano. Nick Bockwinkle drew Chief Crazy Horse

June 14, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mike Dibiase and Killer Karl Kox over Nick Bockwinkle and Paul Diamond. Ricky Romero drew The Preacher. Bobo Brazil over Ron Romano. Karl Gotch over Don Savage. Pampero Firpo over Ramon Ortega.

June 16, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Kintaro Oki (Champion) over Killer Karl Kox 2/3 falls. Mike Dibiase over Pampero Firpo for the Americas Title. Mark Lewin vs. Bobo Brazil. Karl Gotch and Mike Dibiase (or Skull Murphy) drew Pedro Morales and Ricky Romero. The Preacher over Paul Diamond. Nick Bockwinkle drew Mr. Moto.

June 21, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mark Lewin over Mr. Moto. Nick Bockwinkle drew Mike Dibiase. Skull Murphy over Chief Crazy Horse. Kintaro Oki over Ron Romano. Karl Gotch over Steve Kovacs. Ricky Romero drew The Preacher.

June 28, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil over The Preacher. Mark Lewin over Jack O'Reilly. Wilbur Snyder over Ron Romano. Karl Gotch and Mike Dibiase over Nick Bockwinkle and Chief Crazy Horse.

July 1, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Title: Mike Dibiase (substitute for K.O. Murphy) over Kintaro Oki (Champion) (Referee decision- referee was Mr. Moto). Mark Lewin drew Bobo Brazil. Mike Dibiase and Karl Gotch over Pedro Morales and Ricky Romero 2/3 falls. Wilbur Snyder over Cowboy Hughes. Nick Bockwinkle drew Victor Rivera. Mr. Moto drew The Preacher.

July 5, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Buddy Austin over Mr. Moto 2/3 falls. Mark Lewin over Steve Kovacs. Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera over The Preacher and Ron Romano. Mike Dibiase over Chief Crazy Horse. Nick Bockwinkle drew Art Mahalik. Karl Gotch drew Ricky Romero.

July 12, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mike Dibiase and Karl Gotch drew Mr. Moo and Victor Rivera. Nick Bockwinkle over The Preacher. Kintaro Oki over Ron Romano. Mark Lewin over Cowboy Hughes. Art Mahalik drew Magnificent Maurice.

July 14, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mike Dibiase over Kintaro Oki for the **W.W.A Title**. Mark Lewin over Buddy Austin. Wilbur Snyder drew Karl Gotch. Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera over The Butcher (Don Jardine) and The Preacher. Nick Bockwinkle over Magnificent Maurice.

July 19, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mike Dibiase and Karl Gotch drew Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera. The Butcher over Ron Romano. Mark Lewin over Lumumba. Nick Bockwinkle over Steve Kovacs. The Preacher over Ramon Ortega.

July 26, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Cyclone Negro drew Victor Rivera. Mr. Moto drew The Butcher. Mike Dibiase and Karl Gotch over Nick Bockwinkle and Ron Romano. Mark Lewin over K.O. Murphy. The Alaskan over Don Savage.

July 28, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mark Lewin over Mike Dibiase in 2/3 falls to win the **Americas Title** (Referee- Mr. Moto). Ray Stevens over The Alaskan. Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera drew Cyclone Negro and The Butcher. Karl Gotch drew Pepper Gomez. Nick Bockwinkle over The Preacher. Mr. Moto over Ron Romano.

August 2, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Mr. Moto and Nick Bockwinkle over Mike Dibiase and Karl Gotch (Referee decision). Tom Andrews over Cyclone Negro. Mark Lewin over Johnny Carr. The Butcher drew Victor Rivera. The Preacher drew Ron Romano.

August 9, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
No Results Available

August 11, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
W.W.A Title vs. Americas Title: Mike Dibiase (W.W.A Champion) over Mark Lewin (Americas Champion) 2/3 falls (DQ- Lewin struck Referee Freddie Blassie). Pepper Gomez over The Butcher. Mr. Moto over Pat Patterson. Dominic DeNucci over The Preacher. Karl Gotch over Pedro Morales. Nick Bockwinkle drew Victor Rivera

August 16, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera over Mike Dibiase and Karl Gotch. Buddy Austin over Tony Nero. Seiji Sakaguchi over The Great John L. The Preacher drew Johnny Carr. Mr. Moto over Ron Romano. Nick Bockwinkle drew Johnny Carr

August 23, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
Freddie Blassie over Woody Farmer. Buddy Austin over Lou Whitson. Mark Lewin over Tony Nero. Mike Dibiase and Karl Gotch over Mr. Moto and Art Mahalik. Seiji Sakaguchi over Ron Romano. Nick Bockwinkle drew Victor Rivera

August 25, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
Buddy Austin over Mike Dibiase in 2/3 falls to win the **W.W.A Title**. Freddie Blassie over Mark Lewin to win the **Americas Title**. Karl Gotch over Mr. Moto. Gene LeBell drew Seiji Sakaguchi. Nick Bockwinkle drew Pedro Morales. Victor Rivera over Tony Nero.

August 30, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
Freddie Blassie over Mr. Moto. Buddy Ausin over Johnny Carr. Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera over Hard Boiled Haggerty and Art Mahalik. Karl Gotch over Don Savage. Seiji Sakaguchi over Johnny Vander. Nick Bockwinkle over Tony Nero.

September 6, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
Karl Gotch over Art Mahalik. Buddy Austin over Jack Garfano. Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera over The Hangman (Gene LeBell) and Tony Nero. Freddie Blassie over Lou Whitson. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Nick Bockwinkle

September 8, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
Americas Title: Freddie Blassie (Champion) over Mr. Moto (substitute for Cowboy Bill Watts).
W.W.A Title: Buddy Austin (Champion) over Karl Gotch. **W.W.A Tag Team Title:** Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera (Champions) over Hard Boiled Haggerty and The Spoiler. Mark Lewin over Tom Andrews. Nick Bockwinkle over Tony Nero. Seiji Sakaguchi over Art Mahalik

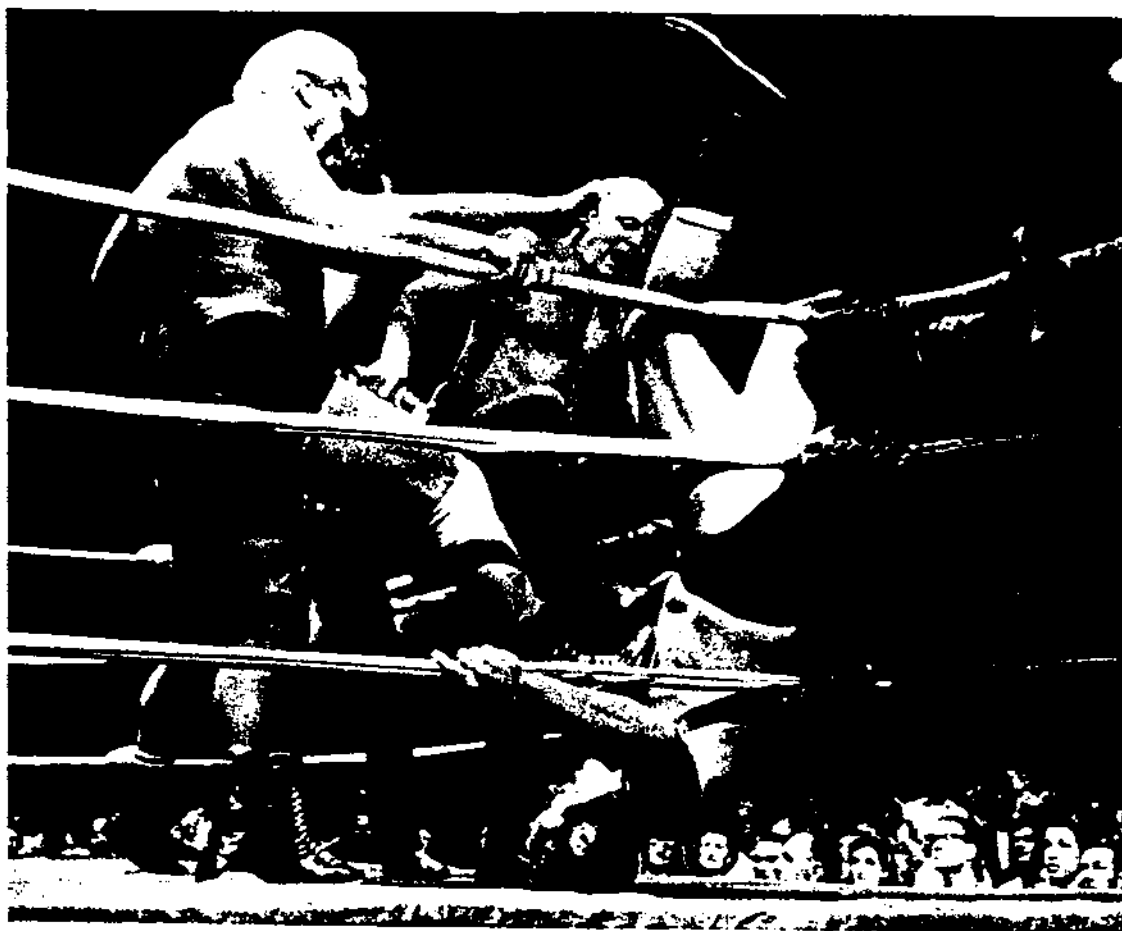
September 13, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
Antonio Pugliese (Tony Parisi) over Buddy Austin. Antonio Pugliese over Art Mahalik. Tony Altimore over Woody Farmer. Karl Gotch drew Victor Rivera. Freddie Blassie over Tom Andrews. Ricky Romero drew Nick Bockwinkle

September 20, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
Antonio Pugliese over Tony Nero. Tony Altimore drew Pedro Morales. Freddie Blassie over Jack Garfano. Buddy Austin over The Hangman. Karl Gotch drew Seiji Sakaguchi. Victor Rivera drew Hard Boiled Haggerty

September 22, 1967- Olympic Auditorium
(This match was said to be the final of a one night tournament) Freddie Blassie over Pedro Morales (DQ-due to outside interference by Victor Rivera). Antonio Pugliese over Buddy Ausitn.

1967

"MURDER INC." FRI., OCT. 20, NO TV AUSTIN-BLASSIE vs. MORALES-RIVERA



MURDER INC! Freddie Blassie (left) and Buddy (Killer) Austin, Americas' champion and WWA champion, respectively, have teamed to become one of the most vicious tag-teams in the world. They've blared a challenge to Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera, the WWA tag team champions, and Matchmaker Strongbow has paired them for the Olympic Auditorium, Friday night, Oct. 20.

Blassie-Austin Win Olympic Mat Main

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin won the wrestling tag-team main event Friday night over Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera before 10,104 fans at Olympic Auditorium.

OTHER RESULTS — Antonio Pugliese won 14-man battle royal match; Seiji Sakaguchi def. Tony Nero; Karl Gotch def. Nick Saidana; Hard Boiled Haggerty def. Magnificent Maurice; Samba Lumumba-Jack Garfano def. Johnny Vander-The Hangman.

Permit No. 12360
Los Angeles, Calif.
PAID
U.S. POSTAGE
BULK RATE

September 27, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Asutin over Nick Bockwinkle and Woody Farmer. County Billy Varga over Jack Garfano. Tony Altimore drew Karl Gotch. Antonio Pugliese over Ron Romano. Victor Rivera over Tony Nero

October 4, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin over Jack Garfano and Pedro Ortega. Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera over Tony Nero and Tony Altimore. Antonio Pugliese over The Rebel. Magnificent Maurice drew Nick Bockwinkle. Stan Lambo drew Lou Anthony

October 11, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin over Lou Whitson and Nick Saldana. Pedro Morales over Tom Andrews. Antonio Pugliese over Tony Altimore. Nick Saldana drew Tony Nero. Victor Rivera over Tony Nero. Nick Bockwinkle drew Karl Gotch

October 18, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera over Pedro Godoy and Ron Romano. Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin over Woody Farmer and Nick Saldana. Antonio Pugliese over El Medico. Samba Lumumba over El Medico. Karl Gotch drew Hard Boiled Haggerty

October 20, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin over Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera. Antonio Pugliese won a 14-man Battle Royal. Seiji Sakaguchi over Tony Nero. Karl Gotch over Nick Saldana. Hard Boiled Haggerty over Magnificent Maurice. Samba Lumumba and Jack Garfano over Johnny Vander and The Hangman

October 25, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin over Phil Brummett and Jack Garfano. Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera over Hard Boiled Haggerty and The Preacher. Antonio Pugliese over Ron Romano. Samba Lumumba drew Tony Nero. Karl Gotch over Magnificent Maurice

November 1, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin over Pedro Morales and Victor Rivera. Lord James Blears over Tom Andrews. Bobo Brazil over Tony Nero. Pepper Gomez over Phil Brummett. Antonio Pugliese over Ron Romano

November 4, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Bobo Brazil over Buddy Austin (DQ-interference by Freddie Blassie). Freddie Blassie over Lord James Blears. Antonio Pugliese over Hard Boiled Haggerty. Pedro Morales and Pepper Gomez drew John Tolos and The Preacher. Samba Lumumba over Tony Nero. Seiji Sakaguchi drew Victor Rivera. Phil Brummett over Nick Saldana

November 8, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin over Ricky Romero and Phil Brummett. Pedro Morales over Jerry Malfee. Pepper Martin over Ron Romano. John Tolos over Jack Garfano. Samba Lumumba over Tony Nero. Antonio Pugliese drew The Preacher

November 15, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Shohei Baba and Bobo Brazil over The Preacher and Ron Romano. John Tolos over Tom Andrews. Pedro Morales drew Baron Scicluna. Luke Graham over Phil Brummett. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Pepper Martin. Antonio Pugliese over Tony Nero

November 17, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

W.W.A Tag Team Title: Shohei Baba and Bobo Brazil over Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin (Champions) (DQ). Luke Graham drew Pedro Morales. Baron Scicluna drew Antonio Pugliese. John Tolos and The Preacher over Ricky Romero and Pepper Martin. Seiji Sakaguchi over Tony Nero

November 22, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin vs. Pedro Morales and Antonio Pugliese. Pepper Martin vs. Baron Scicluna. John Tolos vs. Sambu Lumumba. Seiji Sakaguchi vs. Tony Nero

November 29, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Antonio Pugliese over The Preacher and Phil Brummett. Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin over Mr. Moto and Jack Garfano. Pepper Gomez over Tony Nero. John Tolos over Lou Anthony. Arman Hussein over Ron Romano. Hard Boiled Haggerty drew Seiji Sakaguchi

December 1, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Antonio Pugliese over Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin by countout to win the **W.W.A Tag Team Title**. Arman Hussein drew John Tolos. Pepper Gomez over Pat Patterson. Mr. Moto over Phil Brummett. Pepper Martin drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Sambu Lumumba over Tony Nero. Seiji Sakaguchi over The Preacher

December 6, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Arman Hussein drew The Preacher. Mr. Moto drew Hard Boiled Haggerty. Pedro Morales and Antonio Pugliese over The Rebel and Mr. X (Jerry Malfee). Sambu Lumumba over Lou Anthony. Pepper Martin drew Seiji Sakaguchi.

December 13, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Pedro Morales and Antonio Pugliese over Ricky Renaldi and Johnny Vander. Pepper Gomez over Don Savage. Arman Hussein over Ron Romano. Baron Scicluna over Phil Brummett. Seiji Sakaguchi drew The Preacher

December 15, 1967- Olympic Auditorium

Freddie Blassie and Buddy Austin over Pedro Morales and Antonio Pugliese to win the **W.W.A Tag Team Title**. Bobo Brazil over Baron Scicluna. Pepper Gomez over Jack Garfano. Arman Hussein and Sambu Lumumba over Hard Boiled Haggerty and Ricky Renaldi. Mr. Moto over Johnny Vander. Seiji Sakaguchi over Tony Nero. Pepper Gomez over The Preacher



VOL. 8 NO. 3

Wrestling Facts

THIS ISSUE FEATURES AN OHIO SCRAPBOOK FROM THE
DR. ROBERT BRYLA COLLECTION *"The Original Mat Research Journal"*



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By James C. Melby

Welcome to another edition of *WRESTLING FACTS*. From time to time we've published various scrapbooks from my personal collection. In this issue we have reproduced one from the collection of my good friend Dr. Robert Bryla.

Bob is called "Dr. Wrestling," a title he deserves not only from his great love of the sport, but also based on his truly unique mat collection. Dr. Bryla collects items from the 1880's up to the present.

Among the most treasured items in his personal collection are: a 1910 poster advertising "Gotch Sox," New York State wrestling license applications from men such as Killer Kowalski, Haystack Calhoun, and Lou Albano, a 1925 poster advertising a woman's match (prior to the state's long time ban), personal letters authored by famed promoter Jack Curley, matchbooks from Gorgeous George's restaurant and turkey farm, and a 1943 movie poster from "*THAT NATZY NUISANCE*", which features Ed "Strangler" Lewis and "King Kong" Abe Kashey ready to destroy Hitler.

Bob first became interested in both wrestling and boxing through his father, who was a ringside physician for the New York State Athletic Commission. Today Bob sits at ringside during fights in a similar capacity.

My personal boxing collection of autographed cards, magazines, and photos has grown over the years from Dr. Bryla's regular attendance at the induction ceremonies at the Boxing Hall Of Fame.

If any of you would like to contact Bob directly you can write to him at: 1912 Sunset Avenue, Utica, N.Y., 13502. Besides thanking Dr. Bryla, I'd also once more like to tip my hat to Fred Hornby for his production help on this issue.

See you next time around with *WRESTLING FACTS*, keep grapplin'.

WRESTLING FACTS

THE ORIGINAL MAT RESEARCH JOURNAL

VOL. 1 NO. 1	FRANK TOWNSEND PART I	\$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 2	FRANK TOWNSEND PART II	\$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 3	HARD BOILED HAGGERTY I	\$10.00
VOL. 1 NO. 4	HARD BOILED HAGGERTY II	\$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 1	BILLY GOELZ	\$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 2	TINY MILLS I	\$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 3	TINY MILLS II	\$10.00
VOL. 2 NO. 4	DON EAGLE	\$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 1	THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS	\$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 2	DR. X (DICK BEYER)	\$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 3	BRONKO NAGURSKI	\$10.00
VOL. 3 NO. 4	VERNE JAGNE	\$25.00
VOL. 3 NO. 5	BUTCH LEVY	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 1	YUKON ERIC	\$25.00
VOL. 4 NO. 2	JOE PAZANDAK	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 3	BOB RASMUSSEN	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 4	DICK HUTTON	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 5	RIKIDOZAN	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 6	CLIFF GUSTAFSON	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 7	IVAN & KAROL KALMIKOFF	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 8	HIRO MATSUDA	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 9	SHOZO KOBAYASHI	\$10.00
VOL. 4 NO. 10	ROCHESTER, MN. RESULTS 1949-63	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 1	LEO NOMELLINI	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 2	1950'S SCRAPBOOK	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 3	BILL MELBY	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 4	RAY GUNKEL	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 5	SCRAPBOOK VOL. 2	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 6	JAPAN RESULTS 1960-64	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 7	SCRAPBOOK VOL. 3	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 8	SCRAPBOOK VOL. 4	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 9	1950'S CEDAR RAPIDS & PICTURE GALLERY SCRAPBOOK	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 10	JAPAN RESULTS 1965-67	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 11	1950'S DES MOINES SCRAPBOOK	\$10.00
VOL. 5 NO. 12	LOU THESZ	\$25.00
VOL. 6 NO. 1	DON LEO JONATHAN	\$25.00
VOL. 6 NO. 2	ED CARPENTIER	\$25.00
VOL. 7 NO. 1	MANKATO RESULTS 1930'S-60'S	\$10.00
VOL. 7 NO. 2	DICK STEINBORN	\$10.00
VOL. 7 NO. 3	LARRY HENNIG	\$25.00

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE CIRCLE ISSUES DESIRED ON THE ABOVE LIST. POSTAGE AND HANDLING IS \$4.00 FOR EACH ISSUE. OVERSEAS ORDERS WILL BE SHIPPED BY SEA MAIL UNLESS THE CUSTOMER PAYS FOR AIR MAIL COSTS. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO JAMES C. MELBY, 1018 EAST ROSE AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MN. 55106-2728.

RECENT EDITIONS OF WRESTLING FACTS

Vol. 7 No. 4 Pat O'Connor \$25.00

Vol. 7 No. 5 Japan 1968-1969 \$10.00

Vol. 7 No. 6 Duluth \$10.00

Vol. 8 No. 1 Chicago 1949-1974 \$25.00

Vol. 8 No. 2 Los Angeles 1964-1967 \$10.00

Please remember to add \$4.00 shipping and handling per back issue. Overseas orders will be shipped by sea mail unless the customers pays for additional air mail costs.

Please make your checks or money orders payable to: James C. Melby, 1018 E. Rose Avenue, St. Paul, MN. 55106.

Complete Card Named For Wrestling Show At Armory

Middletown's Tom Daniels has been scratched as the headliner on next Thursday's scheduled wrestling card at the National Guard Armory.

The 18-year-old former Middletown High football player was scratched from the card after he was taken ill this week.

But Bud Van Buskirk, matchmaker for the Middletown Boxing-Wrestling Assn., reported today that Prof. Roy Shire will meet Frankie Talaber in next Thursday night's main bout.

Shire, former University of Northwestern wrestler, will meet Talaber in a two out of three falls

go with a one hour time limit. Talaber, veteran of 18 years in the pro wrestling ranks, wore the world's light-heavyweight crown from 1938 to 1940 until he moved into the junior heavyweight division.

Preliminary bouts on the card call for 23-year-old Cora Combs of Hazard, Ky., to meet Judy Glover in a girl wrestling match and four-time Big Ten heavyweight champ Joe Scarpello to square off against Kit Fox.

Van Buskirk said that seats will be set up around the ring at the armory to swell its seating capacity to 1,500.

Tickets — priced at \$1.50 for ringside seats, \$1.25 for general admission, and 50 cents for children — are on sale here at Klammo News on So. Main St.

Commissioners voiced approval of a request of the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Assn. to stage a wrestling show at the National Guard armory next Thursday night. The one restriction is that a police chief also concur the move.

1954

Sportsviews

OFF 'THE BENCH

... by Jerry Nordio



Armory Becoming Sports Center

ACCORDING TO MIDDLETOWN High Coach Paul Walker, his Middies should be one point underdogs against Franklin here tomorrow night. Walker, of course, was using comparative scores as the basis of his remark. The Wildcats beat Lockland Wayne, 58-52, while the Middies beat the same Panthers by five points.

More interesting, though, was Walker's informal discussion of what he expects at Lancaster Saturday night. The Middle coach, who never turns down a challenge, thinks his boys will be in for something "different" when they run into the Golden Eagles.

That "different" something is in the type of officiating. The central part of the state is notorious for its "close" officiating. Any body contact is considered a personal foul.

The last time the local club was exposed to that type of refereeing was back in 1948 at Newark when the Middies' aggressive type of play cost them 37 personals.

Walker's problem is two-fold. He first of all must get his boys to adjust to the contact-less pattern and then make sure he has several good replacements lined up to do a lot of playing if the fouling becomes heavy.

Fan-Shapes Go By The Boards

ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK as though the National Guard Armory is slowly moving into the spotlight as Middletown's sports center. In addition to the Ferreck High basketball games played there each week, bi-monthly wrestling shows are being planned.

Wrestling Beauty Turned From Arias To Athletics

Cora Combs, one of the headliners in the wrestling show being sponsored by the Middletown Boxing Association here Thursday night, has led a varied career in athletics and the field of entertainment.

Combs, who meets Judy Glover in the second match Thursday at the National Guard Armory, started out as a cheer leader for the Hazard, Ky. football and basketball teams, but when the basketball season ended around she was in uniform and taking her shots at the net.

She was never idle in high school starting on the girls' track team

in the spring and the spring in her legs was good enough to give her the state high jump crown.

From a star athlete in high school, Combs turned to singing and before long was with a hill-billy group known as the Trail Riders, whose headquarters were in Nashville, Tenn.

Her singing career actually led to her present occupation of wrestling. It was at Nashville that she first became interested in grappling and after watching world champion Mildred Burke in action several times decided she would turn to wrestling.

After several weeks of intensive training at Columbus, O., Combs was ready for competition. Her pools in the trade are 145 pounds packed into a 3-5 frame, but that her opposition cares, but she does have blue eyes and red hair and is 23 years old.

On the same card Thursday will be featured Frankie Talaber and Roy Shires. The opening bout pits Joe Scarpello against Kit Fox. Tickets for the show are available at Klammo News, 53 S. Main.

Wrestling Money To Send Locals To Boxing Meet

Proceeds from tomorrow night's wrestling matches at the National Guard Armory will be used to help send local boys to the Golden Gloves Tournament.

The wrestling show is sponsored by the Middletown Boxing Association which is interesting in fielding a formidable squad in the annual boxing tourney for amateurs.

Tomorrow night's card will open with former Olympic wrestler, Joe Scarpello, meeting newcomer Kit Fox, with Cora Combs and Judy Glover meeting in the second match and Frankie Talaber taking one Roy Shires in the feature. Tickets are on sale at Klammo News and may be purchased at the Armory prior to the show tomorrow night.

Stevens To Grapple

Ray Stevens will oppose newcomer Danny McShain in the semifinal match on the wrestling exhibition Friday night at Parkway Arena. It will be a one-fall scrap, with a time limit of 30 minutes.

TALABER AND SHIRES TO MEET IN MIDDLETOWN

Wrestling fans in this area will have an opportunity to see two top mat performers in action Thursday night when Frankie Talaber and Roy Shires climb through the ropes at the Middletown National Guard Armory.

Promoters Jimmy Kilbane and Bud Van Buskirk have announced this attractive card as the first in a series of "big time" wrestling shows to be staged each Thursday in the Armory.

Supporting the headliners will be two more well-known grapplers, Joe Scarpello and Indian King Fox. To round out the program, Cora Combs will engage the rising feminine star, Ruby Glover.

Tickets for the show can be purchased at Klammo News in Middletown or by calling Hamilton 2-8371.

JAN 12 1954



GOOD LOOKING TALENT—Judy Glover (left) and Cora Combs will put their good looks and wrestling talents to work Thursday in the second of a three-match card scheduled at the National Guard Armory. The girls will undoubtedly command most of the attention, but in case anyone is interested, Frankie Talaber and Ray Shires will battle in the feature, with Kit Fox and Joe Scarpello in the opener.

TV WRESTLING STARS



FRANK TALABER—VS—ROY SHIRE
AT THE MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

THURS. JAN. 14

Tickets On Sale at
Klamo News **8:30 P.M.**

TV GIRL WRESTLING STARS



JUDY GLOVER vs. CORA COMBS
PLUS 3 OTHER BOUTS — AT

MIDDLETOWN ARMORY SO. MAIN ST.

THURS., JAN. 14

Tickets on Sale At
Klamo News

TV WRESTLING STARS!



JOE SCARPELLO —VS— KIT FOX

Plus Two Other Bout's Including A Girls Match.

National Guard Armory—Middletown, Ohio

THURSDAY, JAN. 14—3:30 P.M.

Tickets On Sale
At Klamo News

TV WRESTLING STARS



FRANK TALABER vs ROY SHIRE



JOE SCARPELLO vs KIT FOX

ALSO GIRLS' MATCH—CORA COMBS VS. JUDY CLOVER

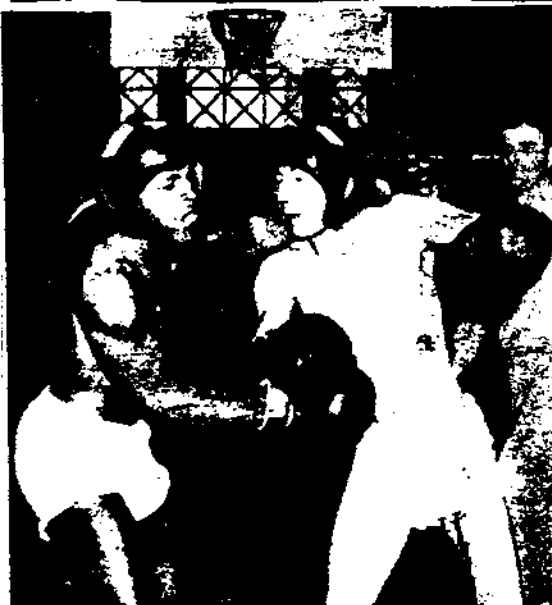
AT THE MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

THURS. JAN. 14TH

Tickets On Sale
At Klamo News

8:30 P.M.



MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE? Art Baker (left) makes like he's ready to dance with Paul Fisher during bout for Middletown High's intramural 165-pound title. Referee for title bout is Fred Benker, head of the school's intramural program.

Former Collegians Headline Wrestling Show Here; Talaber-Shires In Main Go

A college education is no prerequisite for a wrestling career, out at least three of the four men on tonight's program at the National Guard Armory, boned up on their "learnin'" before learning about bone breaks.

Joe Scarpello, who gets the program rolling with a one-fall, 30-minute time limit bout against K. Fox, was light-heavyweight champion of the Big Ten four different times while at the University of Iowa. He also won the NCAA title twice and finished second one other year.

He was good enough to give the U. S. Olympic squad in 1948. The feature attraction tonight, a two-out-of-three falls, one-hour

time limit bout, pits two of the "smartest" men in the business against each other — Frankie Talaber and Roy Shires.

Both attended Northwestern University before entering the "grunt and groan" world. Shires is known as "Professor" because of his scholarly appearance.

Expected to draw the most attention tonight is the middle bout which features two newcomers to the women's wrestling world, Judy Glover and Cora Combs. The

two will hook up in a two falls, 45-minute time limit bout.

The supply of tickets for tonight's matches is plentiful and may be purchased at the armory. Ringside seats are priced at \$1.50, with general admission at 11.25 and children tickets at 50 cents.

Proceeds from the show will go to the sponsoring Middletown Boxing Association which is preparing to enter a team in the Golden Gloves Tournament. First match will start at 8 p.m.

Weather Keeps Fans From Show

Hazardous driving conditions held last night's crowd down to 600 for the wrestling show at the National Guard Armory, but the Middletown Boxing Association, sponsors of the program, announced it was out of the red.

The fans were not the only ones who stayed home because of the weather. The assigned referee never showed up and Bud Van Buskirk at Middletown was substituted.

In the matches, Frankie Talaber won from Roy Shires when the latter was disqualified on the last fall. Joe Scarpello and Kit Fox fought to a draw and Judy Glover beat Cora Combs.



KIT FOX ... in action

Former Middie Now Wrestling

Tom Daniels, former Middletown High football player, has turned his back on the gridiron to take up wrestling.

He will headline a wrestling card here Jan. 13 at the National Guard Armory.

Daniels will wrestle under the name of "Big Bear." He picked up the tag while wrestling in Beaumont, Tex., where he made his debut last year.

Bud Van Buskirk, promoter for the Middletown Boxing - Wrestling Assn. that will sponsor the bouts, reported that Daniel will meet TV wrestler Lou Laposki.

Van Buskirk said that he plans to line up preliminary matches to go with the Daniel-Laposki main bout.

Tickets for the show are on sale at Klamo's News on So. Main St.

3 Local Boys In Gloves Tourney

Three Middletown boys are entered in the Cincinnati Golden Gloves but only one will be in action tonight when the annual tourney opens at the Scraper Club in Cincinnati.

Jim Allen, a middleweight, is due to make his bid for advancement to the semi-finals. His opponent has not been named.

Two others, Louis Cox and Chester Scott have drawn byes into the semi-final round, which will be held at the Cincinnati Garden, Feb. 1. Cox is a middleweight and Scott a bantamweight.

All three are boxing under the Middletown Boxing Association.

THREE STAR WRESTLING

MEMORIAL HALL ... TUESDAY, 8:30 P. M.



The Great KATO vs. Edmund FRANCIS
The Great SCOTT vs. Len Montana
Bob GEIGEL vs. Frankie TALABER



\$1.00 and \$1.50 TICKETS at BILTMORE HOTEL, AD-8746

Nasty Francis Gets Desserts

Don Eagle won his feared wrestling bout at Socher park Tuesday on a disqualification, when Edmund Francis was banished for muzzing up a bandage behind the Eagle's left ear.

The bandage covered a gash the

Mohawk Indian wrestler received in an automobile accident en route to the arena. The bout was even at a fall apiece when the disqualification came.

Al Kashey and Ed Gossett went to a 30-minute draw in the opener, and Don Leo Johanthon and Lou Klein took the tag team match from Whitley Whittler and Man Mountain Dean Jr.

Permitted a wrestling show Feb. 25 by the Middletown Boxing & Wrestling Assn.

FIGHT RESULTS

PHILADELPHIA — Johnny Saxton, 184½, New York, outpointed Johnny Bratton, 150, Chicago, 10.

Silverstein To Headline Wrestling Show Here

Ruffy Silverstein, popular television wrestling star, will headline the second wrestling show of the season carded by the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association.

Silverstein tops the program set for Feb. 25, at the National Guard Armory on



RUFFY'S FOE — Meeting Ruffy Silverstein in the feature of Thursday night's wrestling show at the National Guard Armory will be A. J. D. D. Andre Drapp, extremely popular with female fans. The show is second sponsored by Middletown Boxing Association. Tickets, priced at \$1.25, \$1.25, and 50 cents for students are on sale at Klame News.

MIDDLETOWN TO HOLD

MAT SHOW TONIGHT

Ruffy Silverstein will headline the second wrestling show of the season carded by the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association tonight at the Middletown Armory. Facing the former University of Illinois star will be newcomer Andre Drapp.

Earlier announcement that the show was to be held Wednesday was erroneous.

WRESTLING SHOW BOOKED THURSDAY AT MIDDLETOWN

The Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association will hold its second wrestling show Thursday, 8:15 p. m., in the National Guard Armory, 3, Main St. Bud VanBuren, Middletown wrestler and Jimmy Kilbane, former boxer, are the matchmakers.

Ruffy Silverstein and Andre Drapp are scheduled for the best two out of three in a one hour time limit.

The semi-final will match Kit Fox, the popular Indian, against George (Red) Kirkpatrick.

In the opener it will be Mark Lewis opposing Paul Orth.

S. Main St., risks off the city limits.

Facing the former University of Illinois star will be newcomer Andre Drapp. The two will try for the two falls necessary for a win in the one hour limit show.

Kit Fox is the only wrestler who will be appearing here for the second time. He meets George Kirkpatrick in a 45-minute start. Rounding out the card is a bout between Mark Lewis and Paul Orth.

And Van Buren will be the third man in the ring.

The shows are being sponsored by the local organization as a means of supporting the program designed to teach Middletown's youth the art of boxing and wrestling.

Tickets will be on sale downtown.



RUFFY... headliner here

Good Crowd Seen For Wrestling Program Tonight

Weather factors which held the crowd for the first wrestling show at the National Guard Armory down, will not plague the Middletown Boxing Association, sponsors of the show, tonight when it presents its second program.

Icy roads kept local grunt-and-growl fans home in January, but the current stretch of mild weather is certain to last through tonight.

The MBA is presenting three matches tonight at the Armory, with Ralph "Ruffy" Silverstein, former Illinois University wrestler, facing Andre Drapp, the handsome Frenchman in the feature.

MBA reports a heavy sale of advance tickets, but points out that there is still plenty of seats available—both ringside and general admission.

Launching tonight's program will be an 8:15 bout between Mark Lewin and Paul Orth. The two will battle in a 30-minute limit, one fall bout. The semi-final will send George Kirkpatrick against Kit Fox in a 45-minute limit, two out of three falls match.

The feature will go one hour unless one of the gladiators can win two falls within that time.

Wrestling TONITE AT NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

8:15 P. M.



ANDRE DRAPP



"RUFFY" SILVERSTEIN



"TARZAN" ORTH



"TARZAN" ORTH



MARK LEWIN

3 BIG BOUTS!

—FIRST BOUT—

Mark Lewin vs "Tarzan" Orth

—SECOND BOUT—

Red Kirkpatrick vs Kit Fox

—THIRD BOUT—

FEATURE EVENT
Ruffy Silverstein vs Andre Drapp

Tickets at Gate or at Klame News till 6:30 P. M.

Ringside \$1.50
Genl. Adm. \$1.25
Children under 12 50c

Presented by
THE M. B. W. A.

Permitted a wrestling show March 28 by the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Commission, provided a doctor is present.

Wrestling Takes Another Grip On Middletown Fans

Jimmy Kilbane, in his new role as matchmaker for the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association, has come up with his first card, and, like all other promoters, promises it to be the "best ever."

Kilbane replaced Bud Van Buskirk as promoter for the local organization. Van Buskirk will devote all his time to officiating the matches.

HEADLINING the Mar. 28 show here will be Andre Drapp, the 220-pounder from Lorraine, France, who wrestled Ruffy Silverstein to a draw at the last show. His opponent will be the mysterious Durango, who will have a 20-pound advantage.

Girls will be back on the program with Donna Marie Dieckman facing Mars Bennett in the semi-final.

The opening match will put Bobby Weaver of White Plains, N.Y., against Sonny Kurgis of Columbus.

TICKETS FOR the show will be on sale at Klamo News. Ringside reserved seats have been scaled at \$2. under the new pricing arrangement. General admission has been jumped to \$1.50.



OHIO TALENT — Local wrestling fans will see some home-grown talent Mar. 28 at the National Guard Armory when Sonny Kurgis of Columbus tangles with Bobby Weaver of White Plains, N.Y., in the preliminary. Tickets for the show, sponsored by the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association, are on sale at Klamo News, 53 S. Main.

with children under 12 being charged 50 cents.

Kilbane said he realized the show was in conflict with the state basketball tourney, which will get underway the same night in Cleveland, but said it was the only night he could line that program up. The wrestlers are scheduled through the Al Haft Associates in Columbus.



MARVELOUS MARS — Mars Bennett, shown above, is one of the headliners on Friday's wrestling card at the National Guard Armory here. She is slated to face Donna Marie Dieckman in a 45-minute limit semi-final. Andre Drapp and the mysterious Durango head the program.

Wrestling Bobby Weaver Does Things Differently

Foreigners and football players seem to be attracted to the wrestling business but Bobby Weaver went about things in a different manner.

Weaver, who battles Sonny Kurgis of Columbus here Friday night in the opening match of the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association's card at the National Guard Armory, was born in White Plains, N. Y., and spent his early childhood in Norway.

He returned to White Plains in time to enroll in high school and boxing was his sport at the time. It was while serving with the Marines that Weaver decided to switch from boxing to wrestling.

Kurgis, on the other hand, was born and raised in the United States and was a better than fair football player at Ohio State. He also played baseball for the Bucks and did some boxing. While at OSU he started to dabble in wrestling and soon decided to make it his profession.

Both grapplers will be in the ring at 8:15 p.m. Friday when the show is slated to open.

Andre Drapp of France and the mysterious Durango are pitted in the feature, with Donna Marie Dieckman of Nashville and Mars Bennett of Detroit meeting in a semi-final.

Penty of tickets are available for the show and may be purchased at Klamo News, 53 S. Main.

European Touch To Wrestling

A European touch will be added to tonight's wrestling show at Middletown's National Guard Armory.

The three-bout card opens with Bobby Weaver, 24-year-old Norwegian, meeting Sonny Kurgis of Columbus, O.

The 8:15 p.m. opening match will be a two-out-of-three fall bout with a 45-minute time limit.

Andre Drapp 220-pounder from Lorraine, France — will face 240-pound Durango in a main go. The tussle is billed as a two-out-of-three fall scrap with a 60-minute limit.

Lined up for a semi-final go-around are Donna Marie Dieckman of Nashville, Tenn., and Mars Bennett of Detroit.

All the wrestlers in the cast are sub-thumped as "TV stars." The Middletown Boxing-Wrestling Club is staging the show.

THREE TOP MATCHES ON MIDDLETOWN CARD

Three topflight wrestling matches will be presented Friday, 8:15 p. m., at the Middletown Armory under sponsorship of the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association.

Bobby Weaver and Sonny Kurgis, both well-known stars, will open the program and a girls match between Donna Marie Dieckman and Mars Bennett is second on the program. The final will match two big names, the masked Durango and the French star, Andre Drapp.

Mat Benefit Is Friday

At Middletown Armory

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, March 22 (Special) — Andre Drapp, Lorraine, France, will meet the famed Durango in the main event of a wrestling show to be held Friday night at the Middletown Armory under the sponsorship of the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association.

In the semi-final event, Donna Marie Dieckman, Nashville, Tenn., will meet Mars Bennett, and Bobby Weaver, White Plains, N.Y., will battle Sonny Kurgis of Columbus, in the opening match.

The opening match will get underway at 8:15 p. m. Proceeds from the show will be used for the association's boys' athletic program.

Wrestlers Booked At Middletown

Another all-star wrestling program will be presented by the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association Friday, 8:15 p. m. at the Middletown Armory, 2002 So. Main St. Jimmy Kilbane is the matchmaker.

The main event will feature Andre Drapp, the 220-pound French star, against Durango, 240-pound masked marvel. The girls will take over in the semi-final when Donna Marie Dieckman meets Mars Bennett. Bobby Weaver, White Plains, N. Y., will tackle Sonny Kurgis, Columbus, in the preliminary.

WRESTLING TONIGHT NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY 8:15 P. M. 2002 S. MAIN ST.



MAIN EVENT

Andre Drapp vs Durango
Best 2 out of 3 Falls (1-Hour)

SEMI-FINAL

Donna Marie Dieckman vs Mars Bennett
Best 2 out of 3 Falls (45-Min.)

OPENING MATCH

Bobby Weaver vs Sonny Kurgis
Best 2 out of 3 Falls (45-Min.)
Bud Van Buskirk, Referee

Don Eagle Is Signed For Armory Wrestling Program

Don Eagle, one of the most popular of all television wrestling stars, will perform here, April 30, Jimmy Kilbane, matchmaker for the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association announced today.

The Indian who hails from Canada is expected to "take on" newcomer Leonardo Mantana in the feature bout that evening in what is expected to be the best card presented in the series sponsored by the local organization.

Kilbane said the rest of the evening's program will be announced shortly.

Since Don Eagle could only be booked for the 30th, Kilbane said the amateur boxing show which was planned for next week has been postponed. A new date will be picked.

The wrestling show is scheduled for the National Guard Armory on S. Main, just inside the city limits. Tickets for the affair are on sale at Klamo News, 33 South Main.



DON EAGLE ... shows here

EAGLE TO WRESTLE ON MIDDLETOWN CARD
Don Eagle will appear on the next wrestling program at Middletown under direction of Matchmaker Jimmy Kilbane. The show will be held Friday, April 30, at the ONG Armory in Middletown. Eagle is scheduled to meet Len Montana in the feature event. Ray Waer, Charley and Jim Gibson of Hamilton are assisting Kilbane with plans for the show.

Don Eagle On Card Of Middletown Show

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, April 25 (Special)—Don Eagle and his protege, Two Rivers, will headline the Friday night wrestling card at the Middletown Armory.

Eagle will tangle with Len Montana, New York City, in the feature match. Two Rivers will meet George "Golden Greek" Macricostas, Philadelphia, in the opening event. Carl Engstrom, Chicago, and Ted Germain, Quebec, will grapple in the semi-finals match.

The show will get underway at 8:15 p.m.

WRESTLING FRIDAY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY 8:15 P. M.

2100 S. MAIN ST. MAIN EVENT

DON EAGLE

Caughnawaga, Province of Quebec, Canada 215 lbs.

Vs

LEN MONTANA

Bronx, New York City New York 250 lbs.

SEMI-FINAL CARL ENGSTROM 210 lbs.

Vs

TED GERMAIN 230 lbs. OPENING MATCH TWO RIVERS 210 lbs.

Vs

GEORGE "Golden Greek" MACRICOSTAS 221 lbs.

Tickets on sale at KLAMO NEWS

Ringside or Reserve Seats \$2.00 General Admission Seats 1.50 Children Under 12 .50

Opening Bouts Announced For Wrestling Show Here

Wrestling has taken a hold on Middletown.

The three card of the year has been drawn up for April 30 with two Indians on the way back.

Headlining the show at the National Guard Armory will be Don Eagle of Caughnawaga Province, Canada.

The 215-pound Indian will meet Len Montana of New York City in a two-out-of-three fall match with a one hour time limit.

In a preliminary one-fall bout Two Rivers, 210-pound protege of Eagle, goes against George Macricostas of Philadelphia.

Matched for a semi-final match

are Carl Engstrom of Chicago and Ted Germain of Quebec, Canada.

Matchmaker Jim Kilbane reported that all ringside seats for the bouts have been sold. General admission seats are on sale for \$1.50 with tickets for children priced at 50 cents.

Eagle, Protege On Same Card At Armory Tonight

Middletown wrestling fans will have the unusual opportunity of seeing Don Eagle and his stable-mate, Two Rivers, wrestle on the same program tonight at the National Guard Armory.

Both Canadian Indians, hailing from Caughnawaga Province in Quebec, are part of the three-match exhibition show being sponsored by the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Association.

Eagle will be seen in the feature against Len Montana of New York City. The two will battle to two out of three falls with a one-hour limit placed on the tussle.

Two Rivers is slated to face George Macricostas of Philadelphia in the opening match, with

WRESTLING

TELEVISION'S BEST ALL STARS

Produced by The Middletown Boxing & Wrestling Association and The Middletown, Ohio, National Guards—Co. U.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1961 8:15 P.M. Middletown's Ohio National Guard Armory 2100 SOUTH MAIN STREET

MAIN EVENT

The best two out of three falls with a one hour time limit. DON EAGLE Vs. LEN MONTANA Caughnawaga Province of Quebec, Canada 215 lbs. Vs. Bronx, New York City, 250 lbs.

SEMI-FINAL

The best two out of three falls or a 45 minute time limit. CARL ENGSTROM Vs. TED GERMAIN Chicago, Ill. 210 lbs. Vs. "Mr. Hammer," Province of Quebec, Canada, 230 lbs.

OPENING MATCH

One fall or a 30 minute time limit. TWO RIVERS Vs. GEORGE "Golden Greek" MACRICOSTAS Protege of Don Eagle 210 lbs. Vs. Philadelphia, Pa., 221 lbs.

LOREN BRATTE, Announcer ANDY MYERS, Program Director GENTRY COMBS, Official Time Keeper JIMMY KILBANE, Matchmaker and FRANK RODGERS, Assistant

TICKETS ON SALE AT KLAMO NEWS Ringside or Reserve Seats \$2.00 General Admission Seats \$1.50 Children Under 12 .50 Dr. P. B. Lambert or Dr. Jack L. Korman, attending physician



GERMAIN ENGSTROM

Carl Engstrom of Chicago and Ted Germain of Quebec meeting in the semi-final struggle.

The Two Rivers, Macricostas, match is a one-fall, 30 minute limit affair, while the semi-final will go two out of three falls, or 45 minutes.

All proceeds from the exhibitions are used to further the MinkWA's program to help the youth of the community.

The supply of tickets available is good. Matchmaker Jimmy Kilbane reports. Duets may be purchased at the Armory ticket windows.

The first match will get underway at 8:15 p.m.

Approval of a wrestling match to be staged May 21 by the Kilbane-Van Buskirk Enterprises.



CUTE COMBS — Cora Combs, who hails from Hazard, Ky., will be one of the four women who will appear at the National Guard Armory in Friday night's wrestling show. Combs meets the import from Paris, France, Lee Choma LaClaire. Judy Glover and Ellen Waldek meet in the women's bout. A tag team match between the four is also planned.

Gals Featured On Wrestling Show May 21

Women dominate the next wrestling card, scheduled May 21 at the National Guard Armory. Promoters Jimmy Kilbane and Bud Van Buskirk announced this morning that three women's matches will highlight the program. One will be a tag team match between the winners and losers of the first two matches. The feature exhibition, however, throws Big Bill Miller, former Ohio State athlete, against Pierre LaSalle.

Lee Choma LaClaire, the good-looking import from Paris, France, takes on Cora Combs of Hazard, Ky., in the first women's match, while Judy Glover of Tampa, Fla., meeting Ellen Waldek of Minneapolis in the second match.

Kilbane said tickets for the show are on sale at Klamo News, 53 S. Main.

Women Grapplers Feature Of Armory Show Tonight

Women wrestling fans in the Middletown area are expected to have better than fair representation tonight at the National Guard Armory when four distaff grapplers appear.

Feature of the regular monthly show will be a match between Big Bill Miller, formerly of Ohio State, and Pierre LaSalle, one of the many Canadians in the wrestling profession. He hails from Montreal and will have a 20-pound disadvantage against Miller who hits 265.

The first exhibition tonight — the show is slated to start at 8:15 — sends Judy Glover of Tampa, Fla., against Ellen Waldek of Minneapolis. The second bout pits Cora Combs of Hazard, Ky., against LeeChoma LaClaire of Paris, France.

The two women's matches will be battle to one fall, or for 20 minutes and the winners will meet

Wrestling Friday In Middletown

Another wrestling show will be staged in Middletown Friday night under auspices of the Kilbane-Van Buskirk Enterprises at the Ohio National Guard Armory, 2100 Main St.

The program will feature a bout between a pair of huskies, 265-pound Bill Miller and 235-pound Pierre LaSalle. Other bouts will feature women with Judy Glover meeting Ellen Waldek in the opener and Cora Combs tangle with LeeChoma LaClaire in the other. A special girls tag match also is scheduled.

HEAVYWEIGHTS FEATURED ON WRESTLING CARD

Two heavyweights will hold the spotlight in the wrestling show Friday, 8:15 p. m., in the Middletown UNG Armory, 2100 S. Main St.

It will be 265-pound Bill Miller of Fremont, O., against Pierre LaSalle, 235-pounder from Montreal.

Girls will be featured in the other bouts. Cora Combs will meet LeeChoma LaClaire and Judy Glover will tackle Ellen Waldek. All will meet in a tag match.

Big Bill To Get Crack At Rogers

A June 11 date with Buddy Rogers was promised Big Bill Miller as a result of his victory over Pierre LaSalle of Canada Friday night at the National Guard Armory here.

The show, first presented by Promoters Jimmy Kilbane and Bud Van Buskirk, drew one of the largest crowds of the season.

Miller opened several cuts over LaSalle's forehead Friday night as both were battling for the decisive third fall. The bout was stopped after medics attended LaSalle.

Judy Glover won over Ellen Waldek and LeeChoma LaClaire was disqualified in her match with Cora Combs. LaClaire and Glover then teamed to whip Combs and Waldek in a tag-team match.

the losers in a tag-team match. The Miller-LaSalle tussle is listed as the main event.

Promoters Bud Van Buskirk and Jim Kilbane report a good advance sale, indicating one of the largest crowds of the winter at the Armory. However, they report there are plenty of good seats available.

Wrestling Ticket Supply Is Good

One of the largest crowds of the season is expected for Friday night's wrestling show at the National Guard Armory but the ticket supply is plentiful. Promoter Bud Van Buskirk announced this morning.

The big attraction at the show will be three women matches, including a tag-team affair.

The main event sends Big Bill Miller of Fremont, O., against Pierre LaSalle of Montreal, Can.

Tickets are on sale at Klamo News, 53 S. Main.

Middletown Mat Card

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, May 17 (Special) — Big Bill Miller will meet Pierre LaSalle in the feature event on the Friday night wrestling card at the Middletown Armory. Women wrestlers will include Lee Choma LaClaire, Paris, France, who will meet Cora Combs, Hazard, Ky., and Judy Glover, Tampa, Fla., who will tussle with Ellen Waldek, Minneapolis.

SENSATIONAL REMATCH



SUCHER PARK
SATURDAY, JUNE 5
ROGERS
vs.
THUNDER
ALSO TAG BOUT AND
PRELIM. at 8:30 P.M.



Tickets 1.50, 1.00, .50 at Al Carroll, BILTMORE HOTEL, AD-5764. Sale Date Monday

(NOT TELEVIEWED) You've seen them on TV Now see them in person

Indian Championship Wrestling . . . Sucher Park




Rosedale and N. Western Ave.
TUESDAY NIGHT, 8:30 P. M.

DON EAGLE
of the Mohawks
vs.
KIT FOX
of the COMANCHES

Ray (Thunder) Starn vs. Pancho Valentino

Tickets: Biltmore, AD-5765—Eag. No. 1, ME-5761. Admission: 50¢ reserved \$1.50

Eagle Loses Bout For Illegal Help

Big Bill Miller won the feature wrestling even at Sucher park Tuesday on a disqualification. After he and Don Eagle had each

taken a fall, Eagle was disqualified for receiving illegal assistance. Guy Brunetti and Joe Tangaro won the tag team match, defeating Joe Scarpello and Durango. In the 30-minute preliminary, Dick Hutton and Francois Miquet battled to a draw.

LaSalle Called: Wrestling Show Feature Changed

The feature bout in Mid-
dletown's next wrestling show fea-
tured an international law yester-
day.

Pierre LaSalle of Montreal
scheduled for a rematch with Big
Bill Miller at the National Guard
Armory, June 11, was called
home when his visa expired May
31 and will not be in this country
for several weeks.

Promoters Jimmy Kilbane and
Bud Van Buskirk believe they
have lined up their best program
yet for Friday, June 11.

Big Bill Miller and Ruffy Sil-
verstein, popular television grap-
plers, headline the show, while Al
Kashey and Pancho Valentino
collide in the opening match.

The two top matches will both
be two-out-of-three falls affairs, but

Miller - La Salle Rematched Here: Show Set June 11

Big Bill Miller and Pierre La-
Salle, principals in the last wrest-
ling battle at the Ohio National
Guard Armory here, have been
resigned by promoters Jimmy
Kilbane and Bud Van Buskirk.

The return exhibition is slated
June 11 at the S. Main St. arena.

"Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers
was originally intended as Miller's
rival at the next wrestling show
here, but the wrestling "matinee
idol" could not squeeze the bout
into his schedule.

Kilbane said there is a pos-
sibility that Rogers will meet
the winner of the June 11
feature.

LaSalle was badly cut up by
Miller in their last show here.
Both were out of the ring when
Miller knocked LaSalle out by
battling his head into a post.

The next evening, Miller won
the WLW-T Wrestling Tournament
Championship before a full house
at the University of Dayton Arena.

The rest of the next local card
will be announced shortly.



WRESTLES HERE — Al
Kashey of Los Angeles,
known as America's "Golden
Boy," faces Pancho Valen-
tino of Mexico City in the
opening match of Friday
night's wrestling program at
the National Guard Armory.
Kashey is former UCLA
grappling champ.

Talaber Durango Added To Next Wrestling Card

Frankie Talaber, veteran among
wrestling's titleholders, has been
matched against the Great Duran-
go in a semi-final bout at the next
show to be staged at the National
Guard Armory.

Promoters Jimmy Kilbane and
Bud Van Buskirk believe they
have lined up their best program
yet for Friday, June 11.

Big Bill Miller and Ruffy Sil-
verstein, popular television grap-
plers, headline the show, while Al
Kashey and Pancho Valentino
collide in the opening match.

The two top matches will both
be two-out-of-three falls affairs, but

"NATURE BOY" Buddy Rogers
was originally intended as Miller's
rival at the next wrestling show
here, but the wrestling "matinee
idol" could not squeeze the bout
into his schedule.

Kilbane said there is a pos-
sibility that Rogers will meet
the winner of the June 11
feature.

LaSalle was badly cut up by
Miller in their last show here.
Both were out of the ring when
Miller knocked LaSalle out by
battling his head into a post.

The next evening, Miller won
the WLW-T Wrestling Tournament
Championship before a full
house at the University of Dayton
Arena.

The rest of the next local card
will be announced shortly.

Miller, Silverstein To Continue Feud

Bill Miller and Ruffy Silverstein
will continue their feud Friday
night when they meet in the fea-
ture event of the wrestling pro-
gram at the National Guard Arm-
ory, 2100 So. Main St., Middle-
town.

Miller recently defeated Silver-
stein for the championship in a
brawl bout.

Another champion will appear
on the program, Frankie Talaber,
former heavyweight champ, will
battle the mystery man, Durango.
The opener at 8:15 p.m. will fea-
ture Al Kashey against Pancho
Valentino.

Big Bill Miller Tops Silverstein

Big Bill Miller continued his win-
ning ways at the National Guard
Armory here last night, taking two
out of three falls in an exhibition
with Ruffy Silverstein.

Ruffy was first to pin Miller, us-
ing an arm lock and body press,
but Miller bounced back with a
body slam and press, and with an-
other body press in the deciding
fall.

Frankie Talaber used a Boston
Crab on The Great Durango to win
the semi-final match. The loser
was disqualified in the second fall.

Al Kashey put a leg hold and
body roll on Pancho Valentino to
win the first exhibition in 22 min-
utes.

Ruffy, Miller Out To Settle Score Tonight

Ruffy Silverstein, who lost his
WLW-T Wrestling championship to
Big Bill Miller three weeks ago,
hopes to gain some revenge for
the setback tonight when the pair
square off in the feature exhibi-
tion at the National Guard Arm-
ory.

The Miller-Silverstein bout high-
lights another of the regular month-
ly shows being sponsored by Jim-
my Kilbane and Bud Van Buskirk.

Hooked up in the semi-final
match are Frankie Talaber, jun-
ior heavyweight champ, against
"The Great Durango" and mys-
terious figure of the mat world.

The opening match is set for 8:15
p.m. with Al Kashey of Los An-
geles battling Pancho Valentino of
Mexico City. Both are compara-
tive newcomers to the Midwest.

The first match has a one fall,
or 30-minute limit, while the last
two are two-out-of-three falls. The
final has an hour time limit, while
the semi-final will run 45 min-
utes.

The promoters of the show say
the supply of tickets is plentiful.

Miller-Silverstein On Middletown Show

Big Bill Miller, television cham-
pion, will tangle with Ralph (Ruffy)
Silverstein in the main event of
the K. V. R. Sport Enterprises
wrestling show Friday night at the
Middletown Armory, 2100 So. Main
St. Frankie Talaber will meet
Durango in the semi-final bout
while the opening match pits Al
Kashey against Pancho Valentino.
The first bout will get underway
at 8:15.

Middletown Mat Card

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, June
8.—(Special)—Big Bill Miller,
Fremont, will clash with Ralph
"Ruffy" Silverstein, Chicago, in
the main event of Friday
night's wrestling card at the
Middletown Armory. In other
matches, Frankie Talaber, Col-
umbus, will meet the Great
Durango, and Al Kashey, Los
Angeles, will tussle with Pan-
cho Valentino, Mexico City.

Big 10 Is Prepping Ground For Wrestlers On Card Here

Good-sized boys with a yen to
become profession wrestlers can
take a big step toward a grap-
pling career by attending a Big
10 college.

At least three of the six men
who will be on tomorrow night's
program at the Ohio National

Guard Armory on S. Main St.,
got their starts in the Western Con-
ference.

In fact, the two principles, Big
Bill Miller and Ruffy Silverstein
are both former Big 10 champs.
Miller earned his at Ohio State,
while Silverstein matriculated at
Illinois.

Frankie Talaber, who meets the
mysterious "Durango" in the semi-
final bout, attended Northwestern
University.

A fourth member of the sextet,
Al Kashey, is a graduate of UCLA.
He is scheduled to meet Pancho
Valentino in the opening exhibition
tomorrow night.

Jimmy Kilbane and Bud Van
Buskirk promoters of the show
indicate that there are plenty of
good tickets available for the show.
Tickets may be purchased at Kila-
mo News and are priced at \$2.00
for reserved seats, \$1.50 for gen-
eral admission and 50 cents for
children under 12.

Great Scott To Tangle With Kit Fox

Wrestling will return to the National Guard Armory July 23, when The Great Scott makes his Middletown debut against Kit Fox, the Indian. Promoter Bud Van Buskirk thinks he has the feature bout for a terrific card in Great Scott and Kit Fox. Scott says the Indian is "a mighty hard man to tangle with."

The supporting bouts in the card will be announced shortly. The wrestling promoter is trying to get some of the best available matches for the local mat fans.

Tickets for the Scott-Fox bout will go on sale this week at the Klamme News, 53 S. Main.

Scott, Indian, Greek, Mexican Feature Mat Card

Promoter Bud Van Buskirk today announced the full card for the next wrestling show, to be held July 23 at the National Guard Armory.

The Great Scott, from St. Andrews, Scotland, will meet Kit Fox, the Oklahoma Indian, in the feature, a best two-out-of-three falls bout with an hour time limit.

The semi-final will pit George "Golden Greek" Macricostas against Johnny Swenski, in another two-falls match.

In the opening battle, the Mexican wrestler, Pancho Valentino, will tangle with Leon Graham, in a one-fall event.

Refereeing the matches will be Bob Anderson, of Dayton. Tickets are on sale at the Klamme News Shop, 53 S. Main St.



POPULAR HERE—Although cast in an opening match in a previous appearance here, Pancho Valentino (above) proved very popular with his wrestling tactics. Local fans asked, and got, a return match for Pancho. He'll face Leon Graham at the National Guard Armory Friday night. The Great Scott faces Kit Fox in the feature.

For Gents, Too!

Great Scott And Kit Fox To Put On Show

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, July 19 (Special)—Ever see a suave wrestler?

If not, the opportunity is coming up when the "groaners" are scheduled to meet at 8:15 p. m. Friday at the National Guard Armory, 2100 S. Main St.

The main event features the Great Scott vs. Kit Fox, for best two out of three falls with a one-hour time limit.

But the old "smoothie" appearing in the semi-finals is Johnny Swenski, billed as 225 pounds of suaveness, against George "Golden Greek" Macricostas. Swenski also is billed as "Rather Masculine," which seems to be something new or a misprint.

Great Scott To Meet Kit Fox

The Great Scott will tangle with Kit Fox in the main event of the wrestling show to be presented by the KVR Sport Enterprises Friday 8:15 p. m., at Middletown's Ohio National Guard Armory, 2100 S. Main St.

In the semi-final event, George Macricostas, the "Golden Greek", will meet Johnny Swenski and Pancho Valentino will wrestle Leon Graham in the opener.

STAR WRESTLING CARD AT MIDDLETOWN

An all-star wrestling card has been arranged for Friday evening, July 23, at Middletown armory with every event a star attraction, according to Bud VanBuskirk and his assistant promoters, Jimmy Kilbane and Frank Rodgers.

The three events bring to the Middletown ring outstanding television stars.

Wrestling Show Tomorrow Night At Middletown

The KVR Sport Enterprises, assisted by the Ohio National Guard unit of Middletown, will sponsor a wrestling show tomorrow evening, Friday, July 23, at Middletown. It was announced this week.

The wrestling show will consist of an all-television star cast of performers. The show begins at 8:15 p. m. Friday at Middletown's Ohio National Guard armory, 2100 South Main street.

The main event will feature The Great Scott of St. Andrews, Scotland, at 225 pounds, against Kit Fox of Oklahoma, 220 pounds. It will be a best two out of three falls with a one hour time limit.

The semi-final event will feature George "Golden Greek" Macricostas of Athens, Greece, 221 pounds, against Johnny Swenski, 225 pounds, of Lynn, Mass. This will be a best two out of three falls or a 45-minute time limit.

In the opening match will be Pancho Valentino, 200 pounder from Mexico City, Mexico, against Leon Graham, 215 pounds, of Lydon, O. This is a one fall or thirty minute time limit event.

The show will be conducted under the supervision of the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Commission. Referee will be Bob Anderson of Dayton. General admission is \$1.50 with ringside and reserve seats at \$2. Children under 12 admitted for 50 cents. The promoters say the armory is a cool place on hot nights.

CLASSY GRAPPLING CARD AT MIDDLETOWN RING

A four-star attraction featuring "The Great Scott" of St. Andrews, Scotland, and Kit Fox, rugged Oklahoma Indian, highlights Friday's wrestling card at the Middletown ONG armory.

In the semi-final, George "Golden Greek" Macricostas will tackle Johnny Swenski while the preliminary will pit Pancho Valentino against Leon Graham. The first bout will get under way at 8:15 o'clock.

WRESTLING

"All Television Stars"

Presented by
The K. V. R. SPORT ENTERPRISES

Assisted by the
Middletown's Ohio National Guards
Friday, July 23rd, 1954 — 8:15 Sharp
MIDDLETOWN'S OHIO NATIONAL GUARD
ARMORY
2100 South Main Street

Main Event

KIT FOX vs. THE GREAT SCOTT
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma vs. St. Andrews, Scotland
220 lbs. vs. 225 lbs.
The best two out of three falls with a 1 hour time limit

Semi-Final

George "Golden Greek" vs. JOHNNY SWENSKI
Macricostas vs. Lynn, Mass.
Athens, Greece vs. 225 lbs.
The best two out of three falls or a 45 minute time limit

Opening Match

PANCHO VALENTINO vs. LEON GRAHAM
Mexico City, Mexico vs. Lydon, Ohio
200 lbs. vs. 215 lbs.
One fall or a thirty minute time limit

Under the Supervision of the
Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Commission
REFEREE BOB ANDERSON

Tickets on sale at The Klamme News, 53 South Main Street
Ringside or Reserve Seats \$2.00

General Admission \$1.50

Children Under 12 50c

BUD VANBUSKIRK, Promoter; JIMMY KILBANE, Matchmaker, FRANK RODGERS, Asst. Promoter and Matchmaker.

CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

Memorial Hall Tuesday, 8:30 P.M.



Danny McSHANE

vs.
Buddy ROGERS

For Eastern Heavyweight Belt

This is the match

everyone has been asking for.

\$1.00, \$1.50—Tickets at Biltmore Hotel,
AD-4746, and Jim Flynn's, HE-1284

Wrestling Program Friday Has International Flavor

The Great Scot will meet Kit Fox in the feature of a three-bout wrestling card with strong international flavor tomorrow night, be-



ON WARPATH — Kit Fox, tribal dress and all, goes on the warpath tonight against the Great Scot in the feature bout at the National Guard Armory here. The two will battle in a two-out-of-three falls match. It will be the Indian's second appearance at the local arena. Two preliminaries are also scheduled.

gunning at 8:15, at the National Guard Armory.

Great Scot, the bonnie lad from St. Andrews, Scotland, says he's in wrestling because it pays well and he likes it. And, he says, he wins for the same reasons. The blond, 225-pound Scot has a growing account in the Scotch bank and he's looking for the day when he'll be called "The Greatest Scot of them all, which I really am."

Kit Fox, a full-blooded Comanche Indian from Oklahoma, is a fast, agile wrestler. He was an all-around athlete and three times an amateur boxing champion. He will be dressed in Indian regalia when he meets the Great Scot.

The Scot-Fox bout is a best two-out-of-three falls with an hour time limit.

John Swenski, the 18th Polish wrestler from Massachusetts, will tangle with George "Golden Greek" Macricostas in the semi-final. Swenski's favorite hold is a giant swing in which the opponent is spun round by the ankle. Macricostas also goes for the rough-house tactics and believes that the only way to win is "to go all out."

The opening match will put Pancho Valentino, the rising Young Mexican wrestler, against Leon Graham, the Ohio native who likes to recall his Irish ancestry. Valentino's favorite tactic is the airplane spin while Graham likes the drop kick.

CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING



Sucher Park
Tuesday

ROGERS VS. STERN

Most attractive
return go of '54



THUNDER

Teller vs. Bennett for Jr. Heavy Title
Irish Mike Cleary vs. Paul Orth

\$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00. Tickets at 517 Main, 42-57th, Leg Gate No. 2, NE-6701 or
Sam Ryan's NE-2834. (Action starts at 8:30 P. M.)

WRESTLING

"ALL TELEVISION STARS"
FEATURING
"All Girl Tag Match"

Presented by
K.V.R. Sport Enterprises
Assisted by
Middletown's Ohio National
Guards

FRIDAY
8:15 AT
O.N.G. Armory

2100 S. MAIN ST.

"Special Semi-Final Match"
"AN ALL GIRL TAG MATCH"
Winners Vs. Losers in first two
matches. The best two out of
3 falls or a 45 minutes time
limit.



BANNER MYSTERY GIRL
OPENING MATCH

China Mira, Cuban Girl Wrestler,
Tampa, Florida
VS.

Patsy Benner, Dallas, Texas.
One fall or a 15-minute time
limit.

2ND. MATCH

Dot Dotson, Lakeland, Florida
VS.

Lee Choma LaClaire, Paris,
France.
One fall or a 15-minute time
limit.

MAIN EVENT

Oyama Kato, Japan 220 Lbs.
VS.

Frankie Talaber, Columbus, O.
Junior Heavyweight Champion
The best two out of 3 falls or a
1 hour time limit.

Referee: Bob Anderson, Dayton

Special Attraction

As an added attraction to
the matches, Buddy West
and His Banger Lite, Radio
and Television Performers,
son and daughter of Mr. &
Mrs. Woodrow Medley of
301 Gilman Rd. will pre-
sent a program at the
Armory.

TICKETS

Tickets on sale at Klamo News,
52 South Main St.
Ringside or Reserved Seats—
\$2.00—General Admission \$1.50
Children under 12—50c.

WRESTLING

"ALL TELEVISION STARS"

PROMOTER—BUD VANBUSKIRK — MATCHMAKER—JIMMY KILBANE
ASSISTANT PROMOTER AND MATCHMAKER—FRANK RODGERS

Featuring

"ALL GIRL TAG MATCH"

PRESENTED BY K.V.R. SPORT ENTERPRISES

Assisted by Middletown's Ohio National Guards

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1954 — 8:15 SHARP
MIDDLETOWN'S OHIO NATIONAL GUARDS ARMORY—2100 S. Main St.

MAIN EVENT

OYAMA KATO, Japan, 220 lbs.

VS.
FRANKIE TALABER, Columbus, Ohio, Junior Heavyweight Champion
The best two out of three falls or a 1-hour time limit.

SPECIAL SEMI-FINAL MATCH

"AN ALL-GIRL TAG MATCH"

Winners vs. Losers in First Two Matches
The best two out of three falls or a 45-minute time limit.

SECOND MATCH

DOT DOTSON, Lakeland, Florida

VS.
LEE CHOMA LaCLAIRE, Paris, France
One fall or a 15-minute time limit.

OPENING MATCH

CHINA MIRA, Cuban Girl Wrestler, Tampa, Florida

VS.
PATSY BENNER, Dallas, Texas
One fall or a 15-minute time limit.

ADDED ATTRACTION

MUSIC BY BUDDY WEST AND HIS RANGERRITES (Ages 4 to 12)
Under the Supervision of Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

REFEREE — BOB ANDERSON, Dayton, Ohio

TICKETS ON SALE AT KLAMO NEWS, 52 SOUTH MAIN STREET
Ringside or Reserved Seats, \$2.00 — General Admission, \$1.50
Children Under 12, 50c

Kato To Meet Talaber On Armory Mat

Matchmaker Jimmy Kilbane has signed Oyama Kato of Japan and Frankie Talaber of Columbus, Ohio to tangle in the main bout of the next wrestling card at the National Guard Armory.

Kato will meet Talaber in a best two-out-of-three falls match with



KATO ... Jude coxist

an hour time limit on Friday, Aug. 13.

Kilbane says Talaber was at first reluctant to accept the match with Kato, who is an expert at judo. Kato began learning judo holds at 12, and later turned to other forms of wrestling. He has appeared on television many times.

The supporting card to the Kato-Talaber match will be announced in a few days.



WRESTLERS FAIR—Three girl grapplers—Dot Dotson, Lee Choma LaClaire and China Mira (left to right)—will provide a good part of the action in tomorrow night's wrestling show at the National Guard Armory. Dotson will meet LaClaire and Mira will tangle with "The Mystery Girl". The winners will face the losers in a tag match.

Girl Wrestlers Added To Kato, Talaber Card

Four girl wrestlers will be on the supporting card of the wrestling program at the National Guard Armory Friday night.

Dot Dotson of Lakeland, Fla., will tangle with Lee Choma LaClaire of Paris, France, and China Mira of Tampa, Fla., will meet "The Mystery Girl" in the opening bouts of the card.

Then the winners of these two matches will square off against the losers in a tag match. This semi-final will be a best two-out-of-three falls match with a 45 minute time limit.

The feature bout on the program will send Oyama Kato of Japan against Frankie Talaber of Columbus.

"The Mystery Girl" is doing a good job of keeping her identity a secret. Matchmaker Jimmy Kilbane says he believes her first name is Pat, and that she may come from Dallas, Tex., but other than that little is known.

Although she claims no championships, she says she has fought many bouts and can count her wins on the fingers of one hand.

The referee on Friday's card will be Bob Anderson of Dayton. The first bout will start promptly at 8:15 p.m. and tickets on sale at Klamro News, 33 S. Main St.

Talaber-Kato Shares Bill With Gals In Armory Show

Frankie Talaber of Columbus will meet Oyama Kato of Japan in the feature match of tonight's wrestling card at the National Guard Armory. Four girl grapplers will also be on the program.

Talaber, who turned professional 18 years ago, once held the light heavyweight championship. Talaber's specialty is the pile driver, while his opponent, Kato, likes to display his judo holds.

The Talaber-Kato match is a best two-out-of-three falls contest with an hour time limit.

In the opening match China Mira will tangle with "The Mystery Girl" and then Dot Dotson will take on Lee Choma LaClaire of Paris, France. A girl tag match will follow, the winners facing the losers in a two-falls contest with a 45-minute time limit.

The bouts begin at 8:15. Buddy West and his Rangerettes will entertain before the first match and during intervals between matches. Buddy and his sisters have made several appearances on radio and television.

Talaber Sweeps Wrestling Match Here By Default

Frankie Talaber, China Mira, and Lee Choma LaClaire were the victors in last night's wrestling card at the National Guard Armory.

Talaber recovered quickly from the first fall on a sleeper hold by Oyama Kato of Japan to win the second fall with a pile driver. Talaber then won the deciding fall by default when Kato's assistant entered the ring.

In the opening match, Miss LaClaire defeated Patsy Banner of Dallas with a body slam and press. Miss Mira downed Dot Dotson in the second bout with a body slam.

Then the winners of these two matches, Mira and LaClaire, defeated the losers in three falls.

Whittier-Vanski Team

Whitley Whittier and Jack Vanski will oppose Ray Stevens and Al Kashy in the tag-team opener on the Quality Wrestling Club's outdoor mat show Friday night at Parkway Arena. It will be a two-out-of-three falls encounter with a time limit of one hour. Main event sends Lou Thesz against Ray (Thunder) Stern, while Frankie Talaber and Frank (Caveman) Marconi are scheduled to clash in the semifinal.

Mat Show Friday At Middletown

The KVR Sports Enterprises will present a wrestling show, featuring an all girl tag match, Friday night, 8:15, at Middletown's Ohio National Guards Armory, 2100 So. Main St. Japan's Oyama Kato will grapple with Frankie Talaber, junior heavyweight champion, in the main event. The girls' tag match will spotlight Dot Dotson, Lee Choma LaClaire, China Mira and Patsy Benner.

4 Bouts On Mat Show Friday In Middletown

Four bouts, including three girls' matches, are on the wrestling program Friday, 8:15, at the Middletown National Guard Armory, 2100 So. Main St.

In the opener China Mira of Cuba will meet Patsy Benner, Dallas, and in the second match Dot Dotson will battle the Paris star, Lee Choma LaClaire. Winners of the first two matches will meet the losers in a tag match.

The main event will feature Oyama Kato, 220-pound Jap star, against Frankie Talaber, junior heavyweight champ.

Three Matches Stated On Middletown Card

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, Aug. 12 (Special)—Oyama Kato, Japan, will meet Frankie Talaber, Columbus, junior heavyweight champion, in the main event of Friday night's wrestling card at the Middletown Armory.

China Mira, Cuban girl wrestler, will meet Patsy Benner, Dallas, Tex., in the opening event, and Dot Dotson, Lakeland, Fla., will meet Lee Choma LaClaire, Paris, France, in the second event.

The program will get underway at 8:15 p. m.

Lebanon Legion Cards Wrestling

LEBANON. — (Special) — An all-star wrestling match is being sponsored by the Ralph P. Snook Post of the American Legion at the Warren County Fairgrounds, Sunday Sept. 5, at 8:15. Karlo, two 15-minute matches and a Israel, commander of the post and 60-minute tag team event finds bounced. The 60-minute headliner, two out of three falls, finds the favor-Whitey Walberg.

Local Star To Headline Next Wrestling Show Here

Promoters for KVR Enterprises, sponsors of the periodic wrestling shows at the National Guard Armory, figure they've come up with some good shows in the past and are emphatic about putting the best tag on the Sept. 3 program.

Headlining the show will be Middletown's contribution to the touring professionals, Man Mountain Dean, Jr., well-known to the nation's television fans. A mere 220 pounds, Dean — whose real name is Fred Volrich — will have a 100-pound advantage over his opponent, Ray "Thunder" Stern.

Stern, who hails from Brooklyn, is the current rage with television wrestling fans.

Women's matches have proven popular at the local arena and the KVR promoters have lined up national champ, Nell Stewart.

4. Approved a license for a wrestling match at the National Guard Armory Sept. 3.

Stewart, to meet Judy Glover, one of the leading challengers, in the semi-final match.

The opener will bring two newcomers to the local scene. The Beachcomber, a native of Chicago, and Ray Stevens of Columbus. Both are young and handsome, built like something out of a physical culture magazine.

Tickets for the next show are on sale at Klamo News, 53 South Main. The duets are scaled at \$4 up for ringside and reserved seats, and \$1.50 for general admission. Children under 12 are charged 50 cents.

Middletown Mat Show

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, Aug. 31 (Special) — Man Mountain Dean Jr. who learned wrestling here, will meet Ray "Thunder" Stern, Brooklyn, in the main event of a show here at 8 p. m. Friday. The semifinals will be between Nell Stewart and Judy Glover and the opening match pits the Beachcomber against Ray Stevens.

Volrich Can Expect Rough Treatment On Return Here

Freddy Volrich, a world traveler of sorts, is returning to his native Middletown this week fully expecting to receive plenty of roughhouse treatment.

A blow to the choppers and a judo toss are the least Freddy can expect.

Volrich, you see, is better known as Man Mountain Dean, Jr., a professional wrestler. He will be on Friday's wrestling card at the National Guard Armory.

It won't be all rough and tumble stuff for Dean's homecoming, however. The 320-pound Dean, returning after an absence of seven years, will meet many old friends, including Bud VanBuskirk, promoter of local wrestling cards.

It was VanBuskirk, who started Dean on the road to toe holds, body slams and forearm blows. Dean, having achieved considerable prominence in the wrestling world, is understandably thankful.

Volrich and VanBuskirk worked out at the local YMCA daily when Volrich was just out of high school. VanBuskirk, a professional grappler himself, taught the young novice the holds and breaks.

Volrich caught on fast. He also put on weight fast and "outgrew" the YMCA mats. Then he left Middletown to turn pro.

For the past seven years, "The Mountain" has been throwing



VOLRICH...rough 'em up

opponents throughout the United States, South America, Canada and Mexico. He is one of the largest men in wrestling today.

For his professional debut in Middletown, old friend VanBuskirk has arranged for "The Mountain" to meet Ray "Thunder" Stern of Brooklyn, a real rougie who is aiming toward the heavyweight champion.

That's a friend for you.

WRESTLING

"TELEVISION ALL STARS"
FRIDAY, SEPT. 3, '54 — 8:15 SHARP

Middletown's Ohio Nat'l. Guard Armory
2100 South Main St.

Main Event—Special

Man Mountain Dean, Jr. vs Ray "Thunder" Stern
Middletown, Ohio vs Brooklyn, New York
320 lbs. vs 232 lbs.

Best 2 out of 3 falls—one hour time limit.

Semi-Final—Special No. 2"

Nell Stewart vs Judy Glover
National TV Champion vs Leading Challenger
Birmingham, Ala. vs Monticello, Florida

Best 2 out of 3 falls, or a 45 minute time limit.

Opening Match

The Beachcomber vs Ray Stevens
Chicago, Ill. vs Columbus, Ohio
225 lbs. vs 210 lbs.

Best two out of 3 falls, or a 45 minute time limit.

Plenty of Good Music Referee, Bob Anderson, Dayton, O.
Tickets on Sale at Klamo News, 53 South Main St.,
Ringside or Reserve tickets \$2.00—Gen. Adm., \$1.50
Children under 12—50c

Under the supervision of The Middletown Boxing & Wrestling Commission.

Bud VanBuskirk, Promoter Jimmy Kilbane, Matchmaker
Frank Rodgers, Manager; Dr. A. O. Spinney, Attending Physician

DEAN FEATURED

ON RING SHOW
Middletown's Man Mountain Dean, Jr., headlines the wrestling card tonight at Middletown's Ohio National Guard Armory, 2100 South Main Street. Dean, a hefty 320 pounder, will grapple with Ray Stern of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the main event.

In the semi-final, Nell Stewart, national TV champ, will meet Judy Glover in a best two out of three falls match. The opening event pits the Beachcomber of Chicago against Ray Stevens of Columbus.

MAN MOUNTAIN DEAN JR.

ON MIDDLETOWN CARD
Man Mountain Dean Jr., Middletown's gift to the wrestling world, will tangle with Ray "Thunder" Stern in the feature bout at the Middletown Armory Friday night. Dean tips the scales at 320 pounds while Stern weighs in at 232.

Beauteous Nell Stewart, National TV champ, will battle Curvaceous Judy Glover in the semi-final and The Beachcomber is paired with Ray Stevens in the 8:15 p.m. opener.



SOMETHING FOR THE GALS

Ray (Thunder) Storm will face mammoth Man Mountain Dean in the feature attraction of the KVR Enterprises wrestling show at the National Guard Armory in Middletown Friday night. Dean, who weighs 320, is returning to his home town for the first time since attaining TV stardom. Storm, pictured above, weighs a mere scrawny 232. Also on the 8:15 P. M. card are Judy Glover, Nell Stewart, Ray Stevens and "The Beachcomber."



Danny McNeil

Man Mountain Dean Featured On Mat Card

Man Mountain Dean, who left Middletown seven years ago to enter the professional wrestling ranks, will return to his hometown tomorrow evening to appear on a wrestling card at the Ohio National Guard Armory there.

Matches Friday will begin at 8:15 at the armory, 2100 South Main street, with Dean matched against Ray "Thunder" Stern of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the feature attraction.

Dean and Stern will go for a best two out of three fall match with a one hour time limit. Dean weighs 320 pounds and Stern tips the scales at 232.

The semi-final match will see Nell Stewart, National TV Champion from Birmingham, Ala., meeting Judy Glover, leading challenger from Monticello, Fla., in a best two out of three fall 45-minute match.

The opening match will be between "The Beachcomber," 225 pounds, from Chicago, Ill., and Ray Stevens, 210 pounds, from Columbus.

Referee for all matches will be Bob Anderson of Dayton. The program is sponsored by the KVA Sport Enterprises of Middletown under the supervision of the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

Nell Stewart Forced From Local Show By Bad Knee

Judy Glover of Monticello, Fla., moved into the wrestling spotlight here yesterday when officials of the KVR Enterprises announced that Nell Stewart had to withdraw because of an injury.

Stewart, the Alabama Assassin, considered the best woman wrestler around these days, had to lose in the towel for the Friday show at the National Guard Armory when she hurt her knee Monday night. The knee, she told the local promoters, is swollen and she has been advised to stay out of the ring for a week.

Substituting for Stewart will be Betty Ross. Ross and Glover will collide in a semi-final match.

Headlining the show will be a bout between Man Mountain Dean, Jr., Middletown's contri-

bution to the professional wrestling world, and Ray "Thunder" Stern of Brown.

Johnny Kibane, matchmaker, reported yesterday that plenty of goods are available for the show. The goods are on sale at Klamo News, 33 S. Main.

Dean, Ray Stern Battle To Draw In Feature Bout

A double disqualification ended the feature match in last night's wrestling card at the National Guard Armory and failed to settle the dispute between Man Mountain Dean Jr. and Ray "Thunder" Stern.

Stern rallied after losing the first fall on a body slam and press to grab the second fall with an airplane spin and body press. Referee Bob Anderson called the match a draw when both grapplers insisted on fighting outside the ring.

Judy Glover won the semi-final bout, taking two successive falls from Betty Ross. In the opening match, Ray Stevens won by disqualification from Paul Orth.

"Thunder" Stern On Card Tonight



GLOVER ... in spotlight

Ray "Thunder" Stern, a fast rising young wrestler, will try to spot the local debut of Man Mountain Dean Jr., the Middletown-bred, 220-pound grappler in the feature of tonight's wrestling card at the National Guard Armory.

Stern, who is gaining a large following through television, will spot Dean almost 90 pounds. However, Stern is a powerfully built 232 pounds and uses his speed and strength effectively.

A Brookline native, Stern won the title of "Mr. Brookline" while still a teenager and is now aiming for the heavyweight wrestling title.

Also in the show are Judy Glover and Betty Ross, a substitute for Nell Stewart who had to bow out of the local card because of a knee injury suffered this week. Misses Glover and Ross will tangle in a 45-minute, two-out-of-three-falls match.

In the opening bout, the Beachcomber from Chicago will clash with Ray Stevens of Columbus, O. This bout will start at 8:15.



WRESTLER — Ray Stevens (above) of Columbus, O., is on the card Friday at Parkway Arena. He meets Danny McShain, while Lou Thesz and Ray Stern are in the main match.

WRESTLING ... TUESDAY NIGHT

SUCHER PARK ARENA

(Rosedale and N. Western Ave.)

DON EAGLE

vs. **Great SCOTT**

BOB GEIGEL vs. FRANKIE TALABER

Ray (Thunder) Stern and Ralph Silverstine

vs. Ali Pasha and Frank Marconi

Tickets at Baltimore, AD-8746 ... Keg 2 ... ME-6701



DON

Lebanon Post To Sponsor Wrestling Show

LEBANON (Special)—The Ralph P. Snook Post of the American Legion will sponsor a wrestling show at the Warren County fairgrounds Sunday night, Aug. 8, Karl Israel, post commander, announced today.

Three matches are on the evening card with Don Eagle meeting Joe Scarpello in the feature event, 60 minutes, two out of three falls.

Two 15-minute preliminaries will have Kit Fox tangling with Joe Vanski and Billy Two Rivers grappling with George Macricostas.

Eagle Wins Over George

Don Eagle won the feature wrestling match at Sucher park Tuesday on a disqualification when his opponent, Gorgeous George, left the ring to scrap with Eagle's second, Billy Two Rivers.

The match was even at a fair apiece when George was disqualified. Two Rivers had previously scored over Paul Orth in the opening bout.

Frankie Talaber and Irish Mike Clancy took the tag team match from Joe Scarpello and Durango in straight falls.

WRESTLING..TUESDAY

SUCHER PARK, 8:30 P.M.

Don EAGLE

vs.

Ed FRANCIS

Eddie Gossalt vs. Al Kashay

Jonathan & Klein vs. Man

Mountain Dean Jr. & Whittier

8:00—8:15—8:30—TICKETS AT

BILTMORE, AD-8746—JIM FLYNN'S, ME-2884—REG CAFE 22, ME-6701



EAGLE



FRANCIS

Legion Wrestling Show At Fairgrounds Sunday

Several thousand wrestling fans are expected to be on hand for the matches sponsored by the Ralph P. Snook Post of the American Legion to be held at the Warren county fairgrounds on Sunday, September 5 at 8:15, Karl Israel, post commander announced today.

The feature attraction of the evening is to be a 60-minute, two-out-of-three falls match starring the well-liked Don Eagle and the durable Durango, masked marvel, Billy Two Rivers, an understudy

of Don Eagle, will tangle with Whitey Walberg while Dick Hutson meets Len Montana in twofifteen-minute matches and a tag team event.

Demand for tickets is reported to be brisk. They are on sale at Bashford's Sporting Goods and the Legion's Air Force exhibit, at the county fair this week.

Only in event of excessive rain will the matches be postponed. Money will be refunded.

Wrestling Show Set; Polio Fund To Reap Benefits

The next wrestling card at the National Guard Armory will be a polio benefit affair Sept. 24.

Matchmaker Jimmy Kilbane hopes to sign several outstanding television favorites for the card which he says will be "one of the best ever promoted in Middletown."

Edmund "Daffy" Francis, a 216-pounder, and Man Mountain Dean Jr., the Middletown native, have already been signed, with Francis likely to be in the feature match.

John Fitzgerald, city chairman of the Polio Fund, is working with the wrestling promoters as plans for the show. The full card will be announced this week.

Kato, Kurgis Are Added To Polio Wrestling Card

Matchmaker Jimmy Kilbane has signed two more wrestlers for the Polio Fund wrestling show of Sept. 24.

Oyama Kato, the Japanese judo expert, has been signed to meet Edmund "Daffy" Francis in the feature match, a best two out of three falls bout with a one hour time limit.

Francis has been practicing judo holds and consented to meet the rugged Kato to learn more about the Japanese wrestling art.

Sonny Kurgis, a 225-pound grappler from Columbus, has also agreed to tangle with Middletown's Man Mountain Dean Jr. in the opening match. Kurgis will spot his opponent about 180 pounds, but try to make his speed tell.

Kilbane is also looking for an opponent for George "The Golden Greek" Macricostas for the semi-final bout.

KVR Sports Enterprises to conduct a polio benefit wrestling bout Oct. 24.

Wrestling Former Child Movie Star Now Grappler

DON LEO JONATHAN, the 222-pound mainman, who will serve as partner for Lou Klein in the tag team match on Tuesday's wrestling card at Socher Park arena, has had a colorful career although he has just turned only 21. As a youngster he was once pictured by a national magazine as among the most sparkling of American children.

His father was a wrestler out of the Mormon colony of Salt Lake City, Utah. The father got a job in the movies and it was then that Don Leo was discovered and appeared in "Our Gang" comedies. At 15, Don's career was interrupted by a hitch in the U. S. Navy.

Jonathan and Klein will oppose Man Mountain Dean Jr., who carries over the 300 pound mark. Dean's partner will be Whitey Whittier of Tulsa, Okla.

Edmund Francis of East St. Louis is scheduled to face Don Eagle, the Mohawk Indian in the headline attraction. In the semi-final bout, Eddie Colpett of Chattanooga, Tenn., faced Al Kashay of Los Angeles.

TV Favorites Set For Polio Fund Mat Card Friday

Several television favorites will be on the "Polio Fund" wrestling show Friday night at the National Guard Armory.

Part of the receipts from the card will go to the local polio drive.

Heading the card will be Edmund "Daffy" Francis of Chicago against Oyama Kato of Tokyo, Japan, in a two falls match with an hour's time limit.

Don Leo Jonathan, 282-pounder from Utah, will meet George "Golden Greek" Macricostas, of Athens, Greece, in the semi-final and Man Mountain Dean Jr. will tangle with Sonny Kurgis of Columbus in the opening match.

The Jonathan-Macricostas match will be a best two-out-of-three falls bout with a 45-minute time limit and the opening match will be a one-fall, 45-minute affair.

Francis at 216 pounds is the "lightweight" on the card. But he eagerly agreed to take on the clever Kato who relies on judo holds and tries to use sleeper holds.

Kato was a top Japanese wrestler several years ago and got interested in American-style wrestling through amateur wrestling shows put on by American soldiers stationed in Japan.

He was taught more about wrestling in this country by Reed Outson, University of Hawaii mat coach and brother of two wrestling champions. Kato is now seen on television frequently.

Middletown Mat Card

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, Sept. 24 (Special)—Edmund "Daffy" Francis, Chicago 216, will meet Oyama Kato, Tokyo, in the feature match of the Friday night wrestling card at the Middletown Armory. Don Leo Jonathan, Provo, Utah, will meet George "Golden Greek" Macricostas in the semi-final go and Man Mountain Dean Jr., Middletown, will meet Sonny Kurgis, Columbus, in the opening match. Proceeds will go to the Butler County Polio Fund.

NOTICE

Polio Benefit Wrestling match at Middletown's Ohio National Guards Armory, Friday, September 24 at 8:15 p.m. Three big matches featuring some of Television's best stars. Presented by K.V.R. Sports Enterprises and under the supervision of the Middletown Boxing & Wrestling Commission. Tickets on sale at Klamo News, 53 South Main Street, Middletown.

Wrestling Show At Middletown

Edmund "Daffy" Francis of Chicago will oppose Oyama Kato of Tokyo in the feature event of the wrestling show scheduled Friday, 8:15 p.m. at the Middletown Armory, 1100 S. Main St. In the semi-final, Don Leo Jonathan, 282-pounder, will battle George Macricostas, the Golden Greek, while the opener will feature Man Mountain Dean Jr., 320-pound Middletown wrestler, against Sonny Kurgis of Columbus.

Polio Benefit Wrestling Show Set Friday Night At Middletown Armory

Television wrestling giants from virtually the four corners of the earth tangle Friday night at the Middletown National Guard Armory with the polio fund tabbed as a sure-fire winner.

Assistant Fire Chief Ed Farmer, local representative for the sponsoring K. V. R. Sports Enterprises, announced this week that proceeds from tomorrow night's wrestling show will go to the Middletown polio fund. And Jimmy Kilbane, K. V. R. matchmaking promises it will be one of the best wrestling shows ever staged in Middletown. Matches start at 8:15 P. M.

Headliners on tomorrow night's card hail from three different nations. The main event pits Oyama "The Great" Kato of Tokyo, Japan, against Edmund "Daffy" Francis who wrestles out of Chicago, Ill. The match will be on a best two out of three falls, one hour time limit basis.

In the semi-final, the "Golden Greek," George Macricostas of Athens, Greece faces Don Leo Jonathan of Provo, Utah. Best two out of three falls, with a 45-minute time limit, will decide the winner.

Middletown's own "Man Mountain" Dean, Jr., matches his 320

pounds against Sonny Kurgis of Columbus, Ohio in the one fall preliminary. Kurgis weighs 225 pounds.

Tickets for the polio benefit are on sale at Klamo News, 53 South Main Street in Middletown, and may be purchased before the show Friday night at the Armory, 2100 South Main Street. The matches are under the supervision of the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Commission with Bob Anderson of Dayton assigned as the ring referee.



MACRICOSTAS... "Golden Greek"

Wrestling to Benefit Polio At Middletown

All proceeds from a wrestling show at Middletown's Ohio National Guard Armory tomorrow evening will go to benefit the polio fund in Butler county.

The show is another in a series of top wrestling entertainment presented by the KVR Sport Enterprise of Middletown.

Main event on the three-fight card will see Edmund "Daffy" Francis of Chicago, Ill., match his 216 pounds against Oyama "The Great" Kato, 220-pounder from Tokyo, Japan. The match will be a best two-out-of-three falls with a one hour time limit.

The semi-final event will feature Don Leo Jonathan of Provo, Utah, 282 pounds, against George "Golden Greek" Macricostas, 221 pounder from Athens, Greece. This also will be a best two out of three fall event with a 45 minute time limit.

The opening match features Man Mountain Dean, Jr., of Middletown against Sonny Kurgis of Columbus, O. Dean is 320 pounds and Kurgis weighs in at 225. It will take one fall to win this match or a 45-minute time limit.

The shows are under the supervision of the Middletown boxing and wrestling commission with Bob Anderson of Dayton as referee.

The National Guard Armory in Middletown is located at 2100 South Main street. The show begins at 8:15 p.m. Friday. Friday's show will feature some of television's best wrestling stars, said the KVR promoters.

Polio Mat Card Tonight Features Kato, Francis

Wrestling "for the Polio Fund" will be the attraction tonight at the National Guard Armory with Edmund "Daffy" Francis meeting Oyama Kato in the feature bout.

This match will be a best two-out-of-three falls affair with an hour's time limit.

In the semi-final match, Don Leo Jonathan, 282-pounder from Utah, will tangle with George "Golden Greek" Macricostas in a two falls match with a 45-minute limit. Man Mountain Dean Jr. will clash with Sonny Kurgis in the opening match, with one fall deciding the winner, starting at 8:15 p.m.

Francis, Kato Wrestle To Draw On Local Card

Edmund "Daffy" Francis and Oyama Kato fought to draw last night in the feature wrestling match in the Polio Fund show at the National Guard Armory.

Kato downed his opponent with a sleeper hold to win the first fall, but Francis came back to even matters with an arm and chin hold 90 seconds later.

Then the two grapplers battled 49 minutes, with neither man able to take the deciding fall.

Don Leo Jonathan won the semi-final match when George Macricostas was disqualified after both wrestlers had planned their foe once. Jonathan, a 282-pounder from Utah, took his fall with what he calls a "Mormon Cycle".

In the opening bout, Sonny Kurgis of Columbus downed Man Mountain Dean Jr. of Middletown with a body press after 30 minutes.

There's Plenty Of Beef On Local Grappling Card

"The bigger they are, the harder they fall" is a familiar saying which may be proved or disproved in Friday night's wrestling show at the National Guard Armory.

Two of the grapplers on the Prolio Fund show will have chances to show how big men should be handled. George "Golden" Greek Macrisostas, no lightweight at 221 pounds, will tangle with D. Leo Jonathan, who weighs in at 232 pounds.

In the opening match, Sonny Kurgis of Columbus will find himself up against 320-pound Man Mountain Dean Jr. of Middletown, who has a 95-pound advantage over Kurgis.

Macrisostas, a popular wrestler making his third local appearance, has the stamina needed to stay in with Jonathan, who is making his local debut. The Greek is also capable of matching the rough-house tactics of his opponent.

The greatest Greek wrestler of them all, Jim London, has predicted big things for Macrisostas, who made the Greek Olympic mat team at the age of 18.

The main bout will feature 210-pound Edmund "Daffy" Francis, former junior heavyweight champion, against Oyama Kato, the Japanese star who appeared here recently.

Tickets are now on sale at the Klamo News Shop, 33, S. Broad St.

WRESTLING . . . TUESDAY

SUCHER PARK 8:30 P. M.

ROGERS

MILLER

2 Out of 3 Falls for Eastern Heavyweight Championship

\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. Tickets at Billmore, 410 E. 116, or Reg. No. 2, ME-4761, 11th St. & E. 116

WRESTLING . . . TUESDAY

SUCHER PARK MEMORIAL HALL IN CASE OF RAIN

Three Return Matches

DURANGO vs. "TRISH" MIKE CLANCY

AL KASHEY vs. EDDIE GOSSETT

LEN MONTANA vs. NICK ROBERTS

\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. Tickets at Billmore, 410 E. 116, or Reg. No. 2, ME-4761, or Jim Flynn's, E. 116

THREE STAR WRESTLING MEMORIAL HALL . . . TUESDAY

CLANCY

GOSSETT

June Byers

Penny Banner

\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. Tickets at Billmore, 410 E. 116, or Reg. No. 2, ME-4761, or Jim Flynn's, E. 116

THREE STAR WRESTLING TUESDAY—MEMORIAL HALL

Danny McShane

Frank Talaber

Ray Stern vs. Mike Clancy
Billy Varga vs. Ed Gossett

\$1 & \$1.25. Tickets at Billmore, 410 E. 116, or Reg. No. 2, ME-4761, or Jim Flynn's, E. 116

Former Wrestler Bows As Preacher

BARRIE, Ont., Sept. 4 (P)—The "Hungarian Madman," who growled and snorted his way to wrestling fame in Toronto and the United States, will preach his first sermon tomorrow as a Presbyterian minister.

The Rev. Frank Slavik, who quit the mats to study for the ministry, has accepted the Guthrie Presbyterian charge.

At the University of Toronto he won two scholarships in Greek while studying for his arts degree. Later he was awarded a bachelor of divinity degree.

McShain Wins Over Talaber

Danny McShain defeated Frankie Talaber in the feature wrestling match at Memorial Hall Tuesday night.

McShain, who had lost the first fall, used an Irish chin lock to win the second fall and then was awarded the match when Talaber was unable to continue because of damage done to his neck by the hold.

In the opening match, Irish Mike Clancy and Ray (Thomson) Stern fought to a one-hour draw, each man taking one fall. In the final event, Billy Varga defeated Eddie Gossett in two-out-of-three falls.

Eagle-Talaber Lined Up For Saturday Wrestling

Wrestling on the local scene for general admission. Children's shifts to Saturday night this week. Tickets are tabbed at 50 cents.

The KVR Sports Enterprises, not wanted to conflict with local high school football games, has moved its scene of action in Saturday's even though the competition for contestants is greater that night.

Matchmaker Jimmy Kilbane had little trouble lining up a top-notch card for this week, coming up with Don Eagle and Frankie Talaber for the feature match.

Gentleman Edmund Francis and "Irish" Mike Clancy are slated to meet in the semi-final, with Billy Two Rivers and the Great Durango tangle in the opener.

As an added attraction, Smokey Ward of WPPB will be on hand to provide entertainment between matches.

Saturday night's show is being sponsored by the Moose Bowling League and all members have tickets available. Duets may also be purchased at Klamo News, 53 S. Main. The tickets are priced at \$2.00 for reserved seats and \$1.50



TWO INDIANS — Don Eagle (above) is one of the two Indians who will be on Saturday night's wrestling card at the National Guard Armory. The popular Eagle meets Frankie Talaber in the feature. Billy Two Rivers, another Indian, tangle on the Great Durango in the opener.

NOTICE

Benefit Wrestling Match Saturday, October 16th, 1942 at 8 o'clock p. m. at Middletown's Ohio National Guard Armory, 2100 South Main Street. Starring Don Eagle and Frankie Talaber. Gentlemen Edmund Francis, Irish Mike Clancy and others. Tickets sale at Klamo News, 53 South Main Street, Middletown, Ohio. Sponsored by The Moose Bowling League.

EAGLE VS. TALABER

IN MIDDLETOWN ARENA

Don Eagle and Frankie Talaber will collide in the main event of an all-star wrestling card scheduled 8 o'clock Saturday night at the Middletown Armory.



DON EAGLE

Don Eagle Vs. Talaber In Feature Attraction Of Saturday Mat Card

Frankie Talaber, junior heavyweight wrestling champion, will trade holds with Don Eagle, famous Indian wrestler, in the feature event of a three-match wrestling show Saturday at 8 P. M. in Middletown's National Guard Armory. Also on the card will be preliminary matches between Gentleman Edmund Francis and Irish Mike Clancy and Billy Two Rivers and Durango the Great.

Eagle, a 225-pound Indian from Caughnawaga, Quebec, and Talaber, a 218-pounder from Columbus will tangle in a two-out-of-three fall match with a one hour time limit. According to Edgar Farmer, local representative of K. V. R. Sports Enterprises, both wrestlers are known for the clean style of fighting, so the show should be in for a clean show.

The semi-final bout will also be two-out-of-three falls with a 45-minute time limit. Francis is from Chicago and Clancy is a native of Boston. Both wrestlers weigh 210 pounds.

Another Indian, Billy Two Rivers, who comes from the same town as Ron Eagle, meets Durango in the opening one-fall match with a 30-minute time limit. The card is being sponsored by the Moose Bowling League.

Wrestling Card This Saturday At Middletown

Saturday night, Oct. 16, will be wrestling night again at the Middletown Armory, 2100 South Main street, Middletown.

The evening of wrestling has been changed from Friday to Saturday evening at 8 p. m. to avoid conflict with high school football games.

The feature match this Saturday will see Don Eagle, 225 pounder from Caughnawaga, Province of Quebec, against Frankie Talaber, 218-pound junior heavyweight champion from Columbus, O. It will be a best two of three falls, one hour match.

The semi-final feature "Gentlemen" Edmund Francis at 210-pounds from Chicago against "Irish" Mike Clancy, also 210 pounds from Boston. The match will be a best two of three falls with a 45-minute time limit.

The opening match will feature Billy Two Rivers, 200-pounder also from Caughnawaga, Province of Quebec, against Durango. "The Great."

Eagle, Talaber Tangle In Main Mat Card Tonight

Don Eagle and Frankie Talaber, both former champions, head tonight's wrestling card at the National Guard Armory.

Eagle, an Iroquois Indian from Quebec, Canada, will tangle with Talaber, an Oklahoman, in the best two-out-of-three falls match with an hour time limit.

In the semi-final match, "Gentleman" Edmund Francis, who appeared here recently in a feature bout, will meet "Irish" Mike Clancy of Boston. Both weighed about 210 pounds.

Eagle's sparring partner, Billy Two Rivers, will tangle with the Great Durango in the opening bout which will start at 8:15 p.m.

This will be first wrestling program on a Saturday night since wrestling began here. Sponsoring tonight's card is the Moose Bowling League.

Don Eagle Defeats Talabor at Armory

Chief Don Eagle slipped a combination body and leg press on Frankie Talabor to take the third and deciding fall in the main event of the wrestling card last night at the National Guard Armory.

Talabor took the first fall in 14 minutes, with a body press but Don Eagle came back eight minutes later with an Indian death lock to put Talabor out of commission. Eagle then pinned Talabor at 10:55 to win the match.

Wrestling At Lebanon

LEBANON, Ohio, Aug. 29 (Special)—Don Eagle and Durango, the masked marvel, will meet in the main event of the wrestling show at the fairgrounds here Sunday. Two preliminaries and tag match also are carded starting at 8:15 p.m. By Ralph P. Snook Post, American Legion.

Wrestling Is Saturday

At Middletown Armory

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, Oct. 14 (Special)—Don Eagle will tussle with Frankie Talaber in the feature event of Saturday night's wrestling card at the Middletown Armory.

Other matches will pit Edmund Francis against Mike Clancy and Billy Two Rivers against Durango.

The program, sponsored by the Moose Bowling League under the supervision of the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Commission, will also include a hillbilly jamboree featuring Smokey Ward, radio station WPPB artist.

Pro Wrestler Dies

CANTON, Ohio, Oct. 4 (AP)—Corder E. B. Mozes ruled yesterday that professional wrestler Sam Caley, 32, died of a heart attack Saturday night shortly after he participated in a match at a tavern. He was in a tag team bout with Wayne Frenchie Mallot.

Wrestler Preaches In Presby Church

BARRIE, Ont., Sept. 4 (AP)—The "Hungarian Madman," who growled and snorted his way to wrestling fame in Toronto and the eastern United States, will preach his first sermon Sunday as a Presbyterian minister.

The Rev. Frank Slavik, who quit the mats to study for the ministry, has accepted the Guthrie Presbyterian charge.

He came to Canada in 1930 and besides wrestling dabbled in weight-lifting and soccer and was a member of the Canadian championship tug-of-war team in 1937.

In 1943 he returned to school, first winning his matriculation at a Toronto business college. At the University of Toronto he won two scholarships in Greek.

Heavies To Clash In Mat Headliner; Music Hall Site

Heavyweights Buddy (Nature Boy) Rogers and Japan's Oyama (The Great) Kato will clash in the feature attraction on tonight's Quality Wrestling Club mat show to be held indoors at Music Hall Arena.

In the semifinal clash, Dick Hutton meets the 282-pound Mormon giant, Don Leo Jonathan. Tag-team opener sends newcomer Billy Varga and Nick Roberts against Len (Bull) Montana and Whitey Wahlberg.

Both the main event and the initial bout are slated for two out of three falls, with one hour time limits. The semifinal is set for one fall with a 30-minute time limit. First match starts at 8:30 p. m.

Tag Teams Collide In Mat Main Event

Local mat followers can expect a wild battle in the main event on tomorrow night's indoor show staged at Music Hall Arena by the Quality Wrestling Club.

Promoter Ross Leader has arranged a rematch between the American champs, Oyama Kato and Danny McShain, and challengers Buddy Rogers and Ray Stern. Last week's bout between these two teams ended in a draw when referee Bill Barrett was kayoed by a blow to the stomach and could not continue.

In the semifinal, Australia's Fred Atkins takes on former NCAA champion Dick Hutton. Opener pits Eddie Gossett against Ray Stevens.

Gossett, Kato To Feature Next Wrestling Card

Eddie Gossett and Oyama Kato have signed for the feature match in the next wrestling show at the National Guard Armory Friday evening.

Gossett, a 210-pounder from Chattanooga, Tenn., claims the Southern Junior Heavyweight Championship. "The Great Kato" has wrestled here frequently in the past few months.

Appearing in the semi-final match will be the "Great Durango" and Joe Scarpello, the latter a 210 pound grappler from Iowa. This, like the feature match, will be a best two-out-of-three falls affair.

Completing the "All Star" card are Ali Pasha of Turkey and Sonny Kurgis, who will meet in a one-fall match.

Tickets are on sale at Klamo News Shop, 53 So. Main St.

Buddy West and his Rangerettes will furnish the music before the first match and at intermissions.

Wrestlers Meet In Saturday Card

Wrestling on Saturday night, a success several weeks ago, will be repeated this week at the National Guard Armory.

Eddie Gossett will meet Oyama Kato in the feature event of a card which also includes the "Great Durango" against Joe Scarpello and Ali Pasha versus Sonny Kurgis.

Gossett vs. Oyama

EDDIE GOSSETT of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Oyama (The Great) Kato of Tokyo will meet in the wrestling feature at Middletown's Ohio National Guard Armory Saturday night. Daytonian Warren (Sugar) Kane will referee the matches.



OPENING ATTRACTION — Ali Pasha, bearded wrestler from Beirut, Turkey, will open the bi-weekly show Saturday night at the National Guard Armory when he takes on Sonny Kurgis of Columbus in a one-fall bout with a 30-minute time limit. The two go on at 8:15 in the show sponsored by KVR Enterprises.

WRESTLING

"Some Of The Country's Best Wrestlers"
Saturday Night, November 6th, 1954—8:15 Sharp
Middletown's Ohio National Guards Armory
2100 South Main Street

The Feature Event Eddie Gossett vs Oyama "The Great" Kato

So. Jr. Heavyweight Champ Tokyo, Japan
Chattanooga, Tenn. "A Wrestling Sensation"
210 lbs. 225 lbs.

The best two out of 3 falls, or a 60 minutes time limit.

"A Special" Semi-Final Match The "Great" Durango vs Joe Scarpello

????? Iowa City, Iowa
????? 210 lbs.

The best two out of three falls, or a 45 minute time limit.

A Great Opening Match

Ali Pasha vs Sonny Kurgis
Beirut, Turkey Columbus, Ohio
215 lbs. 220 lbs.

One fall or a 30 minute time limit.

Good Music by Buddy West and his Rangerettes Referee Warren "Sugar" Kane
Under the supervision of The Middling Boxing & Wrestling Commission.

Tickets on sale at Klamo News, 53 South Main St., Ring-side or Reserve Seats \$2.00 — General Admission \$1.50 — Children under 12—50c.

This is a K. V. R. Sport Enterprise Promotion assisted by

Middletown's Ohio National Guards
"A REAL TALENT SHOW"



L. McFadden

Wrestling Show Sat. At Middletown

Six of the nation's top wrestlers will appear on a mat show Saturday, 8:15 p. m. at the Middletown National Guard Armory.

Oyama "The Great" Kato, Japanese star, will meet Eddie Gossett, southern junior heavyweight champ, in the feature.

The Great Durango and Joe Scarpello will tangle in the semi-final and Ali Pasha is scheduled against Sonny Kurgis in the opener.

Music will be provided by Buddy West and his Rangerettes.

GOSSETT VS. KATO

ON MAT PROGRAM

Eddie Gossett, southern junior heavyweight champion, will meet Oyama Kato, champion of Japan, in the feature event of the wrestling show Saturday, 8:15 p.m., at the Middletown National Guard Armory.

Two other bouts and music by Buddy West and his Rangerettes also are on the program. The other bouts will feature the "Great" Durango against Joe Scarpello and Ali Pasha against Sonny Kurgis.

Wrestling Card Will Feature Junior Champ

Eddie Gossett, Southern Junior Heavyweight Champion from Chattanooga, Tenn., will be the feature attraction on the KVR wrestling card at Middletown's Ohio National Guard armory, 2100 South Main street, Middletown, this Saturday evening at 8:15 p.m.

Gossett, who weighs in at 210 pounds, will be making his first appearance in Middletown Saturday. He will meet Oyama "The Great" Kato, 225-pounder from Tokyo, Japan, in the feature best two out of three falls, 60 minute match.

A special semi-final match will feature the "Great" Durango, about which nothing is known, against Joe Scarpello, 210-pounder from Iowa City, Iowa. This will be a best two out of three falls or 45-minute time limit encounter.

The opening match will also be a very good attraction, featuring Ali "The Terrible Turk" Pasha, 215-pounder from Beirut, Turkey, against Sonny Kurgis, 225-pounder from Columbus, O. This will be a one fall or 30 minute match.

The show will be under the supervision of the Middletown Boxing and Wrestling Commission with Warren "Sugar" Kane of Dayton as referee.

Music will be furnished by Buddy West and his Rangerettes. Buddy is 12 years old and his two sisters are six and eight.

Gossett-Kato To Meet Saturday; Don Eagle At Troy



EDDIE GOSSETT

Eddie Gossett, southern junior heavyweight wrestling champion, will meet Japan's Oyama "The Great" Kato in the feature bout on Saturday evening's wrestling card is being sponsored by K. V. R. Sports Enterprises, and bouts will get underway at 8:15 P. M.

A 210-pounder from Chattanooga, Tenn., Gossett will be defending his championship against the 225-pound Kato from Tokyo. The bout will be two out of three falls with a 60-minute time limit.

A special semi-final match will pit Durango the Great, a familiar face to area wrestling fans, against Joe Scarpello, from Iowa City, Iowa, weighing 210 pounds. Also best two out of three falls, the semi-final will have a 45-minute time limit.

A one-fall, 30-minute opening match will see Ali "Terrible Turk" Pasha meeting Sonny Kurgis of Columbus. Pasha weighs 215 pounds and comes from Beirut, Turkey.

Third man in the ring will be Warren "Sugar" Kane of Dayton, who will be refereeing the bout.

Warren "Sugar" Kane of Dayton will referee the three matches and music will be furnished between bouts by Buddy West and his Rangerettes. Tickets will be on sale at ringside for \$1.50, with children admitted for 50 cents. Reserved seats can be purchased for two dollars at Klamo News in Middletown.

Another wrestling card of interest to area fans will be held Friday evening at 8 in Troy's Hobart Arena. These bouts will inaugurate a low-price admission system which will be used for all future Troy matches because of the vast seating capacity of the arena.

Southern Champ Faces Oriental Saturday Night

Eddie Gossett, recognized as the Southern Junior Heavyweight champion, will return to Middletown tomorrow night to meet Oyama Kato in the feature event of the wrestling card at the National Guard Armory.

Gossett, a blond, 210-pounder, won the amateur wrestling championship of Tennessee and worked as a swimming instructor before turning to pro wrestling.

Only 25, Gossett has been touring the country's mat arenas for eight years and served 15 months in Korea with the Army.

An aggressive grappler, Gossett has no favorite hold, except perhaps the knee drop. Among the stars he has met is Gorgeous George, whom he held to a draw.

In addition to the Gossett-Kato match, a best two-out-of-three falls affair, tomorrow night's card includes "The Great Durango" against Joe Scarpello in the semi-final and Ali Fasha, the Turk, against Sonny Karris in the opener, beginning at 8:15.

Tickets are on sale at Klame News Shop, 52 So. Broad St.

Kato Takes Two Falls In Victory

Oyama Kato of Tokyo, Japan came back to win the second and third falls from Eddie Gossett last night, at the Ohio National Guard Armory, with a Japanese sleeper hold that prevented Tennessee wrestler from coming out for the final fall.

In other matches Joe Scarpello was awarded a decision in the semi-final, two-out-of-three fall affair when the Great Durango roughed up the referee. Scarpello had taken the first fall with a reverse full Nelson but Durango tied it up on the next fall with a body press.



SEEKS MAT CROWN

Dick Hutton, three-time NCAA wrestling champion when attending Oklahoma A & M, will go after the heavyweight wrestling title when he meets champion Lou Thesz at the Cincinnati Garden tonight. Thesz has held the title since 1948. Three other matches will precede the title match.

Girls' Bout On Tuesday Mat Card

GIRL wrestlers will have an important spot on Tuesday night's all star wrestling program in Memorial hall. June Byers of Houston, Tex., most generally recognized as champion of the women wrestlers will face Penny Banner of St. Louis, Mo., over the two out of three falls distance. Winner of the Maryland tournament for women and victor over Mildred Burke in their title match at Atlanta, Ga., in August, Miss Byers has gained recognition of the National Wrestling Alliance as the champion.

Victory in the featured match for either Eddie Gossett of Chattanooga, Tenn., or "Irish" Mike Clancy of Boston, Mass., will be an important one. Gossett just recently lost the junior heavyweight crown to Billy Varga and Clancy, who is undefeated locally held Varga to a draw decision here last week. Both are considered a threat for Varga and the Mid-West Wrestling Association's title.

The third two out of three falls bout is a tag team event featuring Al Kashy of California and Frankie Talaber of Columbus against Joe Scarpello of Iowa City and Edmund Francis of East St. Louis, Ill.

The tag bout gets the entertainment under way at 8:30 p. m.

Heavies To Clash In Mat Headliner

The wrestling card for Tuesday night, Dec. 22, at the Cincinnati Garden, will feature a heavyweight title match between Lou Thesz, world champion, and Dick Hutton, three-time NCAA champion. The match will be the first of a once-a-month wrestling series to be held at the Garden this winter.

Thesz Defends Title In Hutton Match At Garden Friday

Lou Thesz, world's heavyweight champion, will defend his title against Dick Hutton, three times intercollegiate title holder, at the Cincinnati Garden Friday. It will be the first of a once-a-month wrestling series to be held at the Garden this winter.

The supporting bill will feature Ruffy Silverstein pitted against Danny McShain. A tag-team match will be staged between a team composed of Ali Fasha and Ray Stevens and the team of Frankie Talaber and Billy Vargo. Ed Albers will meet Len Montana in the opener.

Undefeated since March, 1948, Lou Thesz is considered one of the greatest heavyweight wrestlers to come down the line since the days of Frank Gotch.

One of the secrets of Lou's phenomenal success is his all-around versatility. He not only possesses the power and speed it takes to handle bigger men than himself, but Thesz has everything that goes with it, including great courage, perfect balance and a hair-trigger mind that never fails him in tough situations that demand instant decisions.

Mat Teams Compete

Len Montana and Whitey Wahlberg will oppose Billy Varga and Nick Roberts in the tag-team opener on the Quality Wrestling Club's mat card Friday night to be held at either the indoor Music Hall Arena or the outdoor Parkway Arena, depending upon the weather. In the feature clash, Oyama Kato is slated to take on Buddy Rogers. Don Leon Jonathan, 282-pound Mormon giant, goes against Dick Hutton in the semifinal.

Kakacek Is Rival For Leon Graham

Newcomer Johnny Kakacek and Leon Graham will clash in the opening match on the Quality Wrestling Club's mat show Friday night to be held at either the outdoor Parkway Arena or the indoor Music Hall Arena, depending upon the weather.

In the tag-team feature, Al Kashy and Edmund (Daffy) Francis will oppose Oyama (The Great) Kato and Danny McShain. Semifinal pits Dick Hutton against Len (Bull) Montana.

McGe, Schiff Vie In Mat Bill Opener

Irish Mike McGee and young Herbie Schiff will clash in the opening attraction on the Quality Wrestling Club's indoor mat show Friday night at Music Hall Arena.

It will be a one-fall match, with a time limit of 30 minutes.

Feature bout sends Dick Hutton against Ray Stern, while in the tag-team semifinal, Nick Roberts and Jim Lewis clash with Ike Eakins and Dick Byers.

Thesz Faces Rogers In Charity Show

LOU THESZ, recognized by most wrestling associations as the heavyweight champion of the world, will risk his title in a two-out-of-three falls bout against Buddy (Nature Boy) Rogers of Camden, N. J. in the University of Dayton fieldhouse, Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Their bout will headline the annual Christmas charity wrestling card which will be sponsored by the Variety club, for the benefit of that organization's Heart Fund.

Billy Varga, recognized by the Mid-West Wrestling Association as junior heavyweight champion, will also defend his title on the card, but his challenger is yet unnamed.

There will be a tag team match with Big Bill Miller and Len Montana against Ray (Thunder) Stern of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dick Hutton of Tulsa, Okla.

Another two-out-of-three falls bout will be added in the card.

DANNY McSHAIN will meet Frankie Talaber of Columbus in one of the three feature matches to be offered on the regular Tuesday night card in Memorial hall. Eddie Gossett of Chattanooga will face Billy Varga and Ray (Thunder) Stern of Brooklyn, N. Y. will tangle with "Irish" Mike Clancy of Boston, Mass. in the third feature.

Grappler Hutton. Ref Baker Debut In Next Mat Card

Two popular television wrestling personalities will make their midtown debuts in the next wrestling card at the National Guard Armory.

Dick Hutton, a 255-pound grappler from Tulsa, Okla., has been signed by Matchmaker Jimmy Kibane for the main bout in the Dec. 3 card. Hutton, seen frequently on television, has never appeared in Middletown.

Frank Baker, popular referee, will also make his local debut in this show.

Opposing Hutton in the feature match will be Len Montana of the Bronx, N.Y. Montana, 6-foot-4 inches and 263 pounds, will tangle in the best two-out-of-three falls match with an hour time limit.

The rest of the card will be announced in a few days. Tickets are on sale this week at the Klamo News Shop, 53 So. Main St.

Mat Card Will Feature Four Heavyweights

Four wrestlers, all over 250 pounds, will feature the wrestling card Friday night at the National Guard Armory.

Biggest man on the card will be 175-pound Ike Eakins from Bullskin, Ky., who will tangle with Whitley Whitaker, 255-pounder from Roxana, Ill., in the semi-final match.

Eakins will have his pet raccoon in his corner, adding to the ring post. The raccoon is an avid wrestling fan.

In the main bout, 255-pound Dick Hutton of Tulsa, Okla., will meet Len Montana, the "Zebra Kid", in a best two-out-of-three falls event. Montana scales 260 pounds and is a native of the Bronx, N.Y.

The Golden Hawk, an Indian from Ontario, Canada, will go against John Swenski in the opening one-fall match. Both these grapplers weigh about 215 pounds. The Hawk is considered a good prospect after beating some of the best men in the sport.

Frank Baker, popular television referee, will be the third man in the ring.

Tickets are on sale at Klamo News, 53 S. Main St.

Final '54 Show For Wrestlers Set Next Week

The year's final wrestling program in Middletown is slated a week from tonight at the Ohio National Guard Armory under sponsorship of the KVR Sports Enterprises.

Jimmy Kibane, matchmaker, said he tried to avoid a conflict with the Middletown High basketball game but could not do it as the Middies are at home on Friday and Saturday next week.

The last program of 1954 features Dick Hutton against Len Montana in the final match, Ike Eakins of Bullskin, Ky., against Whitley Whitaker of Texas in the semi-final and "The Golden Hawk" against John Swenski in the opener.

Permitted the final wrestling show of the year, to be held Dec. 3 in the National Guard Armory.



THE GOLDEN HAWK, Indian wrestler from Ontario, Canada, will meet John Swenski Friday night in the semi-final match at the National Guard Armory. The Hawk is a fast-rising mainman, having beaten some of the sport's top men in his brief career.

Montana, Hutton On Mat Show

Len Montana, the "Zebra Kid" from the Bronx, will battle Dick Hutton, Tulsa, Okla., strong man, in the feature event of the wrestling program Friday night at the Middletown, Ohio National Guard Armory.

In the semi-final Ike Eakins of Bullskin, Ky., will meet the former Texas Uliet, Whitley Whitaker. The opener will bring together the Golden Hawk and John Swenski. Frank Baker will referee.

Mat Program Friday

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, (Special) — Dick Hutton, Tulsa, Okla., will grapple with Len Montana, New York City, in the feature match of the wrestling card at 8 p. m. today at the Middletown Armory. Ike Eakins, Bullskin, Ky., will meet Whitley Whitaker, Roxana, Ill., in the semi-final event, and the Golden Hawk, Cawaghnawaga, Ontario, will wrestle John Swenski, Lynn, Mass., in the opening event.

Wrestling Show On Tap Tonight At Local Armory

Three matches topped by a scrap between Dick Hutton and Len Montana, are on tonight's wrestling card at the National Guard Armory.

All three wrestlers in the semi-final and feature bouts hit the scales at better than 250 pounds.

Hutton, a former collegiate champion, is a 255-pounder while his opponent, Montana, weighs in at 264 and stands 6-foot-4. They will meet in a best two-out-of-three falls match with an hour time limit.

In the semi-final, Ike Eakins, 270-pound Kentuckian, who is bringing a raccoon to his matches, will tangle with Whitley Whitaker, 250-pounder from Illinois in a one-fall, one-hour bout.

The opening match, beginning at 8:15, will send "The Golden Hawk" against John Swenski. Frank Baker, popular television referee, will be the official.

TV WRESTLING STARS



THE GOLDEN HAWK vs. JOHN SWENSKI
PLUS TWO OTHER BOUTS
AT THE MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

FRI. DEC. 3 Tickets on Sale at Klamo News 8:15 P.M.
It's a K.V.R. Sports Enterprises' Promotion

TV WRESTLING STARS



IKE EAKINS vs. WHITLEY WHITAKER
SEMI-FINAL MATCH
PLUS 2 OTHER BOUTS AT

Middletown Armory — So. Main St.
FRI. DEC. 3 Tickets on Sale at Klamo News 8:15 P.M.
It's a K.V.R. Sports Enterprises' Promotion

TV WRESTLING STARS



DICK HUTTON vs. LEN MONTANA
PLUS TWO OTHER BOUTS
AT THE MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
FRI. DEC. 3 Tickets on Sale at Klamo News 8:15 P.M.
It's a K.V.R. Sports Enterprises' Promotion

CLIP THIS COUPON

PRESENT
AT BOX
OFFICE
IT'S WORTH

50¢

ON
ADULT
GENERAL
ADMISSION

Montana, Wrestling Here Friday, Topnotch Athlete

Len Montana, who had flings at football, basketball and hockey before settling on professional wrestling, will meet Dick Hutton in the feature match in tomorrow night's card at the National Guard Armory.

Montana, a 6-foot, 4-inch, 263-pound giant from the Bronx, N.Y., was used to violence before he entered wrestling. Besides playing football and hockey, Montana was a paratrooper during the war and was cited for bravery.

However, in the mat sport, Montana's roughness has made him unpopular with some of the fans.

Hutton, his opponent tomorrow night, is a former college mat champion from Oklahoma A.M. As an amateur, Hutton defeated Verne Gagne and Ray Gunkel, who are now pro stars.

Montana and Hutton will meet in a best two-out-of-three falls

match with a one-hour time limit. Ike Eakins of Bullskin, Ky., will tangle with Whitley Whitaker in the semi-final match. Eakins weighs 270 pounds and Whitaker scales 250.

In the opening match, beginning at 8:15 p.m., "The Golden Hawk" will meet John Swenski in a one-fall, 30-minute affair.

An added attraction to the program will be a Minnitarree Indian dance, performed by the Gardner Board Boys Scout Troup 13. The scouts hope to get assistance from the Golden Hawk, an Indian from Ontario, Canada.

NOTICE

Wrestling Friday night, December 3, at 8:15 in Middletown's Ohio National Guards Armory 2100 South Main Street. Some of the country's best and most popular wrestlers, including, Dick Hutton vs. Len Montana, The Zebra Kid. Popular television referee, Frank Baker from Columbus. Tickets on sale at Klamo News, 53 S. Main St.

Wrestling Show Set For Friday Night at 8:15

Another KVR sponsored wrestling show will be held this Friday at 8:15 p. m. at Middletown's Ohio National Guard armory, 2100 South Main street.

Featured on the card will be Dick Hutton, 225 pounds from Tulsa, Okla., against Len Montana, 260 pounds from New York City in a best two out of three fall event with a 60-minute time limit.

The semi-final match will feature Ike Eakins on this pet raccoon against Whitey Whittler, the former Texas state and midwest junior heavyweight champion. Eakins is from Buffalo, Ky., and hits the scales at 270 Whittler is from Roxana, Ill., and weighs in at 250. The match will also be a best two out of three falls or 15-minute time limit.

The opening match will pit The Golden Hawk, 215-pounder from Ontario, Canada, against John Swenski, also 215 pounds, from Lynn, Mass.

Frank Baker, popular TV referee from Columbus, will officiate Friday.

Hutton Defcats Montana On Mat

Dick Hutton pinned Len Montana twice in 25 minutes of wrestling to win the feature match in Friday night's card at the National Guard Armory.

Whitey Whittler and Leon Graham battled to a 45-minute draw in the semi-final bout, each grappler taking one fall.

The Golden Hawk won by disqualification over the Great Durango in the opening match.

Frank Baker To Referee Middletown Mat Card; Montana-Hutton Tangle



Frank Baker

Dick Hutton, a 225-pounder from Tulsa, Okla., and Len "Zebra Kid" Montana, will square off in the feature match of a headlining wrestling card Saturday evening at Middletown's National Guard Armory.

A special attraction of the three-bout card will be the appearance of Frank Baker as referee. Baker has won national popularity as the third man in the ring on television wrestling shows.

The feature Hutton-Montana bout will be two-out-of-three falls with a one hour time limit. Montana weighs 260 pounds and comes from New York.

In the semi-final match, Ike Eakins, a 270-pounder from Buffalo, Ky., will meet Whitey Whittler former Texas State Champion, from Roxana, Ill. Eakins will bring along his pet coon as a mascot for the bout, which will be two-out-of-three falls with a 45-minute time limit.

A one-fall 30-minute time limit opening bout will pit The Golden Hawk, from an Oklahoma Indian Reservation against John Swenski of Lynn, Mass.

Tickets, which can be purchased at the Klamro News in Middletown or at the door, are two dollars for reserved seats, \$1.50 for general admission and 50 cents for children under 12. The first bout will get underway at 8:15.

Mat Feature 'No Contest'

The wrestling bout between Dan McShain and Buddy Rogers was ruled no contest Tuesday evening at Memorial hall after referee Arch Turner was knocked out.

McShain had taken the first fall

in 14 minutes with an Irish chin lock and Rogers had come back to even it up with a series of drop kicks and a jack knife.

While battling for the deciding fall, McShain swung at Rogers, who

ducked, and hit Turner, knocking him out. While Turner was unconscious about seven minutes, the wrestlers continued the bout, but when Turner "came out of it," he ruled the match no contest.

In the preliminaries, Ray Stern topped Ed Albers in just eight minutes and Frank Talaber and Mike Clancy won the tag team match from Paul Orth and Joel Scarpello.

Nell Stewart, Ida Mae In Mat Feature

NELL STEWART of Birmingham, Ala., faces Ida Mae Martinez of Mexico City, in the featured two out of three falls wrestling bout that will headline the first program of the new year in Memorial hall tonight. Their bout will carry the usual hour time limit.

The Bill Miller of Columbus, and Johnny Valentine of Spokane, Wash., recent winners over Buddy Rogers and the Great Scott to lay claim to the tag match title of the Mid-West Wrestling Association (face Ray (Thunder) Stern of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Don Lewin of Buffalo, N. Y.). Their tag event will also be staged under the two-out-of-three falls rule with an hour limit.

San Hoke of Northwood, Canada, sees action against Leo Montana of the Bronx, N. Y., in a one fall match that gets the program under way at 8:30 p. m.

Toledo Matmen Smash Redskins

Heavyweight Pete Davidson saved Miami's grapplers from a whitewash yesterday afternoon, as Toledo's Mid-American Conference wrestling champions handed the Redskins a 15-3 pasting.

Not a pin was scored the entire afternoon as the Rockets won the first six matches on decisions before Davidson defeated Ray Schlievert 12-4. It was Miami's third loss in five matches and Toledo's fourth consecutive win.

Summary:

135 pounds: no match.
130 pounds: Tom Lettler (TU) dec. Wes Gabler (MU), 5-3.
137 pounds: Dick Lettler (TU) dec. Bruce Harris (MU), 4-0.
147 pounds: Dale McVicker (TU) dec. Tom Robinson (MU), 5-3.
157 pounds: B. H. Miller (TU) dec. Bob Ryehlik (MU), 2-0.
167 pounds: Frank Baumgartner (TU) dec. Dick Frate (MU), 5-3.
177 pounds: Don Wem (TU) dec. Carroll Knight (MU), 4-0.
Heavyweight: Pete Davidson (MU) dec. Ray Schlievert (TU), 12-4.

Montana Faces Stern In Top Mat Bout On Tonight's Show

Two heavyweights, 265-pound Len (Bull) Montana of South America and New York's Ray (Thunder) Stern, a 225-pounder, will meet in the feature match on tonight's Quality Wrestling Club mat show at Music Hall Arena.

Andre Drapp and Whitey Wahlberg are slated to clash in the semifinal, while the Australian tag-team opener will pit Ted Germain and Bob Geigel against Bobby Weaver and Jim Lewis.

Both the main event and the initial bout are scheduled for two out of three falls, with one hour time limits. The semi-windup is slated for one fall, with a 30-minute time limit. First match starts at 8:30 o'clock.

Varga, Lewin Vie In Mat Feature; Nell Stewart Here

Billy Varga takes on Don Lewin in a catchweight bout that features tonight's Quality Wrestling Club show at Music Hall arena.

In the women's semifinal attraction, Nell Stewart, WLWT ladies' champion, meets Ida Mae Martinez. Preliminary bouts pit Frankie Talaber against Whitey Wahlberg, and Leon Graham against Ray Stevens.

Main event is slated for two out of three falls, with a one-hour time limit. All three other

matches are scheduled for one fall apiece, with 30-minute time limits. First encounters starts at 8:30 p. m. with the main go set for approximately 10 p. m.

Stern Faces Montana

Ray Stern, young mat star from New York City, will rely on speed and cleverness when he takes on 265-pound Len (Bull) Montana of South America in the feature of tomorrow night's Quality Wrestling Club card at Music Hall Arena. In the semifinal, Andre Drapp will oppose Whitey Wahlberg, while the tag-team opener will send Bob Geigel and Ted Germain against Bobby Weaver and Jim Lewis.

Wrestler Preaches In Presby Church

BARRIE, Ont., Sept. 4 (CP)—The "Hungarian Madman," who growled and snorted his way to wrestling fame in Toronto and the eastern United States, will preach his first sermon Sunday as a Presbyterian minister.

The Rev. Frank Slavik, who quit the mats to study for the ministry, has accepted the Guthrie Presbyterian charge.

He came to Canada in 1930 and besides wrestling dabbled in weight-lifting and soccer and was a member of the Canadian championship tug-of-war team in 1937.

In 1945 he returned to school, first winning his matriculation at a Toronto business college. At the University of Toronto he won two scholarships in Greek.

Main Event Is Split On Wrestling Card

A rematch between the Great Scot and Ray Stern and a scrap pitting newcomer Pancho Valentino against Al Kashey will serve as the double main event of tonight's Quality Wrestling Club show at Parkway Arena. First match is at 8:30.

In the tag-team opener, Anton Leone and the Super Swedish Angel will oppose Joe Tangero and Guy Burnette.

All of the bouts on the card are slated for two out of three falls, with one hour time limits.

Tag Match Is Set For Friday's Show

Len Montana and Paul Orth are slated to meet Leon Graham and Mike Clancy in the tag-team opener on the Quality Wrestling Club's outdoor mat show Friday night at Parkway Arena. It will be a two-out-of-three-falls bout, with a time limit of one hour. Main event pits world champ Lou Thesz against Ray Stern, while the semifinal sends Ray Stevens and newcomer Danny McShain into action.

Stern Meets Champ On Wrestling Card

World champion Lou Thesz meets Ray Stern in the feature attraction on tonight's Quality Wrestling Club Card at Parkway Arena.

In the semi-final, Frankie Talaber goes against Frank Marconi, while the tag-team opener pits Jack Vansid and Whitey Whittier against Ray Stevens and Al Kashey.

McShain, Scot Vie In Mat Headliner

No holds will be barred in the feature of tomorrow night's Quality Wrestling Club mat show at Music Hall Arena when colorful Danny McShain goes against the Great Scot.

Both McShain and the Scot are two of the roughest and toughest performers in mat circles.

In the semifinal, Frankie Talaber meets Ray Stevens. The tag-team opener sends Whitey Whittier and Al Pasha against Leon Graham and Dick Byers.

Thesz, Miller Vie At Covington Park

Quality Wrestling Club will stage the first professional mat show in three years in Northern Kentucky tomorrow night at Covington Ball Park.

Feature match pits world champion Lou Thesz against Dr. Bill Miller in a rematch of their hectic clash six weeks ago when they battled to a draw.

In the semifinal, Oyam (The Great) Kato meets Frankie Talaber, while the tag-team opener sends Joe Tangero and Guy Brunetti against 282-pound, 6-foot-8 Don Leo Jonathan and Len (Bull) Montana.

Eagle, Gossett Vie In Mat Headliner; Music Hall Is Site

Chief Don Eagle and young Eddie Gossett meet in the main event on the Quality Wrestling Club's indoor mat show tonight at Music Hall Arena.

This will mark the first local appearance of the indoor season for the popular Indian grappler. Gossett is currently holder of the junior heavyweight title.

In the semifinal, junior heavies Danny McShain and Billy Varga will clash. The tag-team opener pits newcomers Fred Atkins from Australia and Ike Eskins of Canada against Nick Roberts and Ray Stevens.

Both the feature match and the opening contest are slated for two out of three falls, with 60-minute time limit. However, the semifinal is slated for one fall, with a 30-minute time limit. Show starts promptly at 8:30 p. m.

270-Pounder In Tag Bout

Eddie Albers, 270-pounder from Cincinnati, and Durango, the war-torn "mystery man," will be partners in the tag team match Tuesday at Memorial hall.

Dick Hutton of Tulsa, Okla., whom Ed (Strangler) Lewis says is the coming heavyweight champion, and Stanley Hulek, Canadian heavyweight, will furnish the opposition in the two-out-of-three falls event.

Featured attraction pits Jackie Nichols of Richmond, Me., against Billy Varga of Hollywood for two-out-of-three falls. The Midwest Wrestling association's junior heavyweight belt will be at stake. This is a return match and was ordered by both the MWA and the National Wrestling alliance.

George Macrostas, the latest Golden Creek, will face Leon Graham of Chillicothe in the one-fall, 30-minute bout that gets the entertainment under way at 8:30.

Albers, Montana Vie

Cincinnati's Ed Albers, a 272-pound giant, will oppose Len (Bull) Montana in the semifinal attraction on the Quality Wrestling Club's mat show Friday

night at Music Hall Arena, the first wrestling card staged here in over four weeks. Main event will be a junior heavyweight battle between Billy Varga and Jackie Nichols. A tag-team opener will round out the card.

Byers Defends Title In Special Mat Go

June Byers will defend her claims to the women's title against Mary Jane Mull in a special ladies' match on Friday night's Quality Wrestling Club show at Music Hall Arena.

In the main event, Ray Stern

meets Don Lewin in a rematch. A month ago, Lewin defeated Stern on a disqualification. Seminal sends Dick Byers against Ruffy Silverstein, while another encounter rounds out the program.

Scott, Varga Win At 'Tag'

The Great Scott and Billy Varga won the second and third falls and took their tag team match from Ray Stern and Jackie Nichols in the wrestling feature bout at Memorial hall Tuesday night.

Nichols pinned Varga for the first fall.

Chief Big Heart took Len Montana in straight falls in the semifinal bout. Joe Scarpello took the two-out-of-three falls opener from John Sewinski.

Nichols Takes Varga, Title

Jackie Nichols scored a decisive victory over Billy Varga before 1768 fans in the feature wrestling match at Memorial hall Tuesday night, thereby taking over as Midwest Wrestling association junior heavyweight champion.

The two were even at a fall apiece at the end of the one-hour time limit match. Varga taking the first fall with an abdominal stretch and Nichols tying it at the 47-minute mark.

Varga insisted that the match be continued and after a 10-minute overtime session, Referee Alvin Turner awarded Nichols the decision.

Dick Hutton and Stan Hulek defeated Durango and Eddie Von Albers in the tag match, while George Macrostas topped Leon Graham in the opener.

Lebanon To Have Two-Day July Fourth Celebration

To Include Wrestling, WLW Stars, Fireworks

LEBANON—(Special)—A two-day Fourth of July observance and celebration for young and old will be sponsored at the Warren County fairgrounds by the Ralph P. Snook Post of the American Legion, Ralph Giehls, general chairman, announced today.

The annual celebration is slated to begin Saturday evening, July 3, with stars of the WLW Midwestern Hayride to stage a performance in front of the grandstand. Featured will be Jack Rogers, Bonnie Lou, Herb and Kay, the Pine Mountain Boys, and Red and Zeke Turner. Rides, concessions and other entertainment will be available on the grounds Saturday evening.

Cecil Linkous, chairman of the entertainment committee, has provided a wide variety of entertainment for Sunday, July 4. Pony rides for the kiddies and swing and thrill rides for the entire family are included. The fairgrounds offers ample space for picnics and refreshment stands will be open all day.

A wrestling card has been completed for Sunday evening starting at 8:30, with Bill Miller, WLW champ, meeting Carl Engstrom, of Milwaukee, in the main event, two-out-of-three falls, 45-minute time limit.

June Byers, winner of the recent girls' world championship tourney

in Baltimore, Md., will meet Mars Bennet, of Detroit, Mich. They are to go two out of three falls with a 45-minute time limit.

A 60-minute tag team match, two out of three falls, will find Al Kashey, Los Angeles, and Frank Milano, of Milan, Italy, tangling with Jack Vanski, Kearney, N.J., and Whitey Whittier, of Armistead, Holland.

Following the wrestling performances will be fireworks display featuring a colorful array of sky-rockets, aerial bombs and thers. The American Legion fireworks display in recent years has been admired by the hundreds of people who have attended the shows.



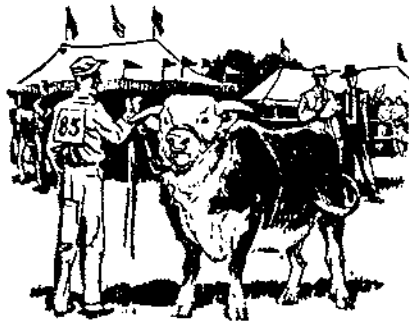
THE PINE MOUNTAIN BOYS ... at Lebanon

DON'T MISS

THE BIG 104th ANNUAL

BUTLER COUNTY

FAIR



PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 28

Judging of Pickles and Canned Goods — 9:00 a.m.
 Judging of Sheep — 9 a.m.
 Judging of Hogs — 9 a.m.
 Judging of Domestic Art — 9 a.m.
 Judging of 4-H Club Dairy — 9:30 a.m.
 Judging of Fat Lamb Show — 1:30 p.m.
 Judging of 4-H Club Sheep — 2:30 p.m.
 Judging Fat Barrow Show — 2:30 p.m.
 Band Concert on grounds.
 Special Attraction in front of grandstand.
 Grandstand Attraction — 7:30 p.m.
 Wrestling — 8:00 p.m.

WRESTLING

TUES.
 NIGHT
 SEPT. 28
 8 P.M.

DOTTIE DOTSON

Vs.

PATTY PENRY

GIRLS' MATCH

—30-Minute Time Limit
 for One Fall.



DOT DOTSON

Opening 20-Minute Preliminary Bout—For One Fall

The Great Durango Man In The MASK Vs. SONNY KURGIS
 TV Star from Cal.

Second 20-Minute Preliminary Bout—For One Fall

ALI PASHA Vs. JIM LEWIS
 The Bearded Turk Television Star

MEN'S TAG TEAM MATCH—HOUR TIME LIMIT •
 BEST TWO OUT OF THREE FALLS.

GRANDSTAND ADMISSIONS

GENERAL 50c Including Tax
 RESERVED 70c Including Tax

BOX SEATS AVAILABLE
 IN GRANDSTAND

THE MIAMISBURG NEWS

Established April 1, 1880

DEDICATED TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF MIAMISBURG AND VICINITY

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY THE BROWN PUBLISHING COMPANY

CLARENCE J. BROWN, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER
PAUL O. SATTERFIELD, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER
ROBERT E. CHRISTMYER, MANAGING EDITOR



Entered as Second Class Matter in the Post Office at Miamisburg, Ohio, under Act of Congress, March 3, 1879.

Subscription rates: In Ohio, \$3.00 a year in Advance. Outside Ohio, \$3.50 a year in Advance.



Member of the Ohio Newspaper Association and the National Editorial Association

147th Year—No. 22

THE WESTERN STAR

A REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER

Newspaper Founded Feb. 13, 1907

Print Shop Established July 4, 1906

Published Thursdays by THE BROWN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Clarence J. Brown, President, General Manager
Gardner H. Tawney, Editor and Publisher
Warren C. Nelson, Managing Editor
Robert N. Tawney, Advertising Manager
Silver and Mechanic Street, Lebanon, Ohio



Subscription—\$3.00 in Ohio and \$3.50 outside Ohio Payable in Advance

Entered as Second Class Matter in the Post Office at Lebanon, Ohio Under Act of Congress, March 3, 1879.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1954

THE FRANKLIN CHRONICLE

Vol. LXXVII—No. 48

Established in 1875

Thursday, December 2, 1954

Published Thursday by THE FRANKLIN CHRONICLE, Inc.
Madison C. Hutchison, Publisher
Clarence J. Brown, Jr., Managing Editor
Patrick J. Orlovsky, News Editor
Mrs. Betty Marlanon, Society Editor

Active Member
OHIO NEWSPAPER ASSN.
BUCKEYE PRESS ASSN.
NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSN.

Entered as the Post Office in Franklin, Ohio, as second class mail matter under Act of March 3, 1879.

An Independent Newspaper Dedicated to the Best Interests of the Community It Serves.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
\$2.50 per Year by Mail
6c per Copy by Carrier
and at Newsstands
Phone 6-6466



The REGISTER-HERALD

"A Republican Newspaper Dedicated To The Better Interests of The Community It Serves"

Published Every Wednesday by The Register-Herald Company
SELL and OLDFATHER, Publishers

Editor "Ace" Elliott—News Editor

Ruth Williams—Society Editor

Member Of—National Editorial Association, Ohio Newspaper Association, Ohio Weeklies, Inc.
National Advertising Representatives—Ohio Weeklies, Inc., and WNR.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES—\$2.00 per year in advance; outside County \$3.50. Adv. Rates Sent on Request.

Re-entered as second class matter March 18, 1918, at the Post Office at Eaton Ohio, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

EATON, OHIO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1954

Vol. 134 No. 48

DAYTON DAILY NEWS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1954



Singing, by
Si Burick
NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

THE SUNDAY NEWS JOURNAL

PUBLISHED EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

1007 First Ave. Middletown, Ohio

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Per copy 10c. By carrier, with evening Middletown Journal 40c week in City Area, and 35c week outside City Area. By mail in Trading Area, with evening Middletown Journal (5 days) \$9 year. By mail outside of Trading Area with evening Middletown Journal (5 days) \$15 year. Outside U. S. A. \$35 year. All mail subscriptions payable in advance.

The REGISTER-HERALD

EATON, OHIO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1954

The Germantown Press INCORPORATED

VIRGIL MUNNICK
President-Publisher
RYAN BAKER
Vice President

Entered at the Post Office at Germantown, Ohio, as second class matter, under the act of March 3, 1879.

Rates Furnished Upon Application
Terms of Subscription
\$2.50 Per Year (In Advance)
Single Copy 5 cents.



Member Ohio Newspaper Association, Buckeye Press Association, and Miami Valley Press Association.

Published Every Thursday



VOL. 8 NO. 7

Wrestling Facts

"The Original Mat Research Journal"

THIS ISSUE FEATURES PEPPER GOMEZ'S TEXAS SCRAPBOOK



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By James C. Melby

Hi, and welcome to another edition of WRESTLING FACTS, "the original mat research journal." This issue we are extremely proud to present the personal scrapbook of the great Pepper Gomez.

We were able to obtain this very rare collection through the efforts of Koji Miyamoto, a mutual friend that Pepper and I consider among our closest buddies.

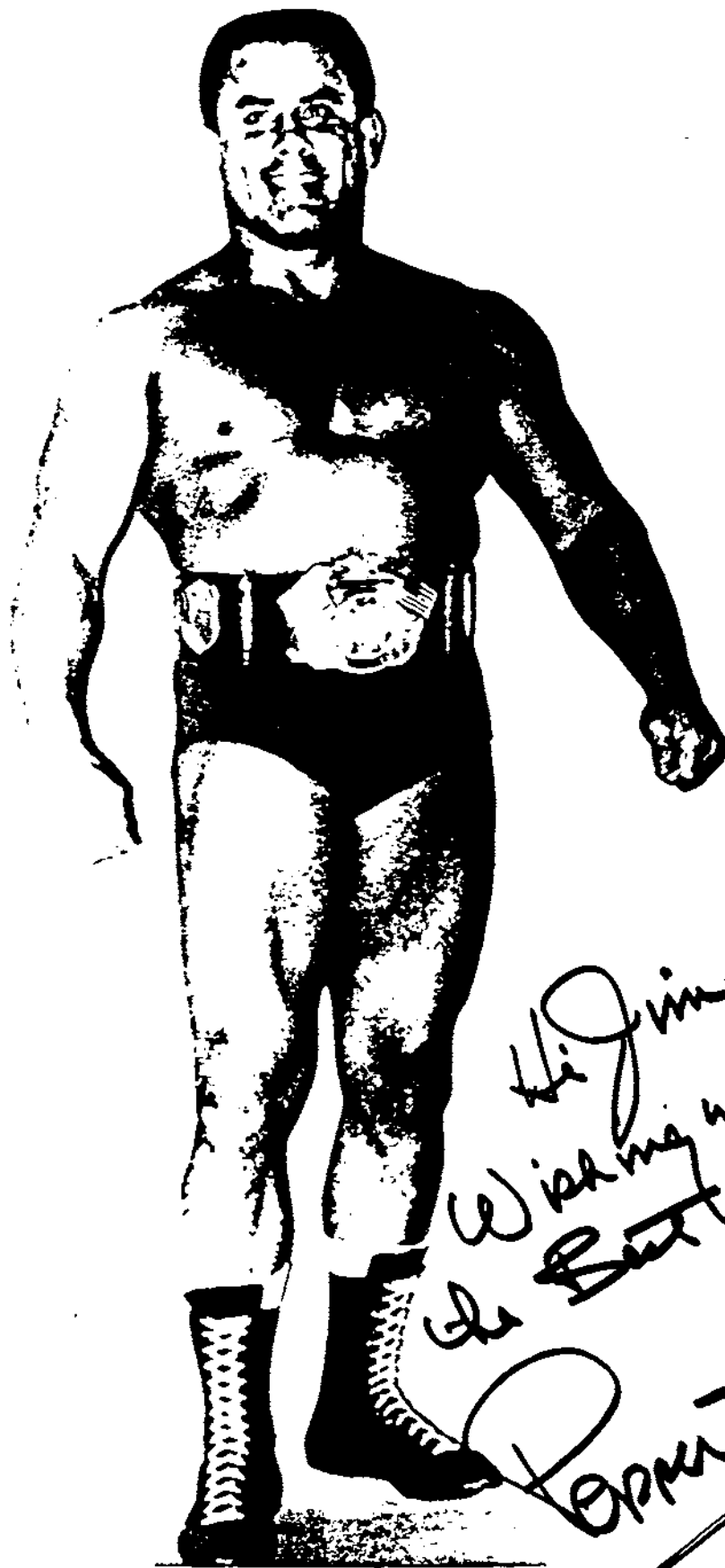
Pepper not only was at the absolute height of his career when he was headquartering in Houston, he was establishing himself as the all time most popular wrestler to ever appear in the lone star state. As an added bonus we have included a few pages of extra newspaper clippings that prove that Gomez not only was on top in such other Texas cities such as Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, but was also just as popular and successful inside those rings.

About a year ago I had the pleasure of sharing lunch with Koji, Pepper, and his lovely wife. It was quite apparent that Gomez remembers his days in Houston as if they were just yesterday. When he relayed the tale of his many exciting bouts against the legendary Lou Thesz, I felt just as if we were at ringside watching their epic contests.

Along with Thesz the scrapbook reports the extent of his tremendous feud with the masked El Medico. Their bouts were among the hardest waged in Houston. The changing of the coveted Texas State Title between the two men, an injury that almost ended Pepper's career for good, and later their winning of the World's Tag Team Title together makes for fascinating reading.

This is just a part of Pepper's fabulous ring career. Bouts in other leading mat centers in places such as Boston against Killer Kowalski and in San Francisco against Ray Stevens are yet another part of the Gomez legend. Possibly someday we will compile his ring record.

In the near future we will present another scrapbook from the personal collection of Kinji Shibuya, the nicest man in the pro wrestling game. Also coming up soon will be the ring record of Red Bastien, another personal favorite.



Hi Jim!
Wishing you always
the Best!

Pepper Gomez

PEPPER GOMEZ

MAY 27, 1955

Pepper Gomez to Tackle Francis in Mat Headliner

Pepper Gomez, Black Guzman's sensational protege, gets the chance of a lifetime when he meets world junior heavyweight champion Gentleman Ed Francis in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Gomez, who has been tabbed as the most phenomenal physical machine ever to see action here, has completely won the hearts of Houston fans and they will back him to the limit against the rough blond champion.

Francis Beat Leone

Francis won the title when he whipped Baron Leone in Tulsa two months ago. The new holder of the 200-pound belt is no stranger to Texans since he held the Texas state heavyweight crown last year and proved to be one of the roughest and most colorful grapplers of the year.

Francis is handled by one



GENTLEMAN FRANCIS
Junior Mat Champ

of the told-time greats of the game, Al Ventres, loud-talk-

ing, cigar-chewing manager of the old school who will try to match his corner advice with that of Guzman, who will be in Pepper's corner all the way and hopes to pilot him to the title.

Polo Torres, Texas state champion, who has been tied up in Mexico for the past five months, makes his first start here since early in January when he meets the rugged French Canadian, Maurice Vachon, in the standout semi-final of the title card. Torres, who twice held world champion Louis Thesz to a draw, is anxious to get back and prove his right to the title.

Keomuka Meets Zapata

Duke Keomuka, who aroused the wrath of the fans again last week with his use of the stomach claw, runs into the state junior heavyweight champion when he takes on Raul Zapata in the top prelim.

Ray Gunkel, still nursing a knee he injured last week, signed to meet Joe (Killer) Christy and assured his fans that he would be ready by match time.

Action gets under way with Hard Boiled Haggerty, who refused to open last week's show, tackling 325-pound Hombre Montana.

Move to Bar Guzman Fails

Promoter Morris Sigel and matchmaker Frank Burke have received a long wire from Al Ventres, manager of world's champion Ed Francis, asking that Black Guzman, the man who handles Pepper Gomez, be barred from the challenger's corner when he makes a bid for the title at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

"Ventres claims that Guzman is not a member of the manager's guild," explained Burke, "but we don't deal with guilds here in Texas. We looked for the best possible man to beat the champion and we think Gomez can do it. Guzman was the most persuasive man in the world in asking for the match and we think they deserve it. No matter what Ventres says or does Guzman will be in Gomez' corner on Friday night."

MAY 27, 1955

Francis Meets Gomez In Junior Title Match

World's junior heavyweight Champion Gentleman Edmund Francis risks his title and belt against Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Gomez, who will have Black Guzman in his corner in spite of the loud protests of Francis' manager, Al Ventres, has trimmed down to the required 200 pound limit with ease and is at full speed and strength for his effort to take the title.

FRANCIS, WHO TOOK the title from Baron Lenne in a wild struggle, is no stranger to Texans and held the state heavyweight title with his rough house wrestling. Ventres, a veteran pilot whose cigar chewing is a trade mark that brings the wrath of the fans on him expects his boy to win quickly but the majority of the fans don't agree with him.

Guzman is confident his boy can take the measure of Francis and capture the belt but expects the scrap to be rough.

Texas Champion Polo Torres comes back after a 5-month absence to face Canada's Mad Maurice Vachon in a semi-final that could steal the show. Torres went to Mexico to try to get a crack at Louis Thez but failed when Thez dodged the trip. For the past three months Torres has been tied up with immigration red tape but is in shape after a number of scraps in Mexico.

TEXAS JUNIOR heavyweight champion Raul Zapata faces Duke Keomuka in the top prelim.

Joe (Killer) Christy tests Ray Gunkel's recently injured knee in the second scrap, and Hard Boiled Haggerty, who wouldn't go into last week's opener, is scheduled to start the show at 8:30 against huge Hombre Montana. Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, Preston 5158.

Pepper Gomez Seeks Title in Friday Scrap

Pepper Gomez trained to style will be no novelty to the minute for the chance of Houston fans. The big blond a lifetime, expects to upset and his colorful manager, Al world's junior heavyweight Ventres, held the Texas heavyweight champion Gentleman Edmund weight title and proved to be Francis in a scrap that may an effective combination last prove to be one of the rough- year.
est title matches ever held here.

Pepper's natural strength has not been affected by the fact that he has trimmed down to the 200-pound limit of the junior heavyweight class and Black Guzman is confident that his protege can come up with the answer to anything Francis has to offer.

Francis and his rough house

The pair took the world's title from Baron Leone in Tulsa two months ago and while they hope to hold it for some time to come they should strike their biggest snag Friday in Pepper.

May 22 1955

Gomez Gains Mat Draw

Pepper Gomez put up one of the greatest exhibitions of wrestling ever seen in Texas when he held world's junior heavyweight champion, Gentleman Edmond Francis to a 90-minute draw at the City Auditorium on Friday night. Gomez was punishing Francis with an Indian deathlock when the final bell rang and the champion required attention before he could be helped from the ring.

A capacity crowd saw Gomez take the first fall with an Indian deathlock in 29:37 of the first fall and get well out in front after some rapid wrestling that set a terrific pace. In the second fall Gomez caught Francis with a series of flying tackles but the champion dodged one and the Mexican favorite went hurtling through the ropes to be counted out after 24:50 of action.

Polo Torres returned to action with a sensational victory over Mad Maurice Vachon in 8:40 of the semifinal when he hooked him with a double arm lock.

Duke Keomuka was disqualified in 13:55 of the top prelim when he deliberately put a stomach claw hold on Raul Zapata after the youngster had injured himself by spread-eagling the ropes.

Ray Gunkel scored the quickest victory of the year when he beat Joe Christy to the punch and knocked him cold in 52 seconds.

Hard Bolled Haggerty scored over big Hombre Montana in 13:50 of the opener.

Gomez, Francis Go Ends in Deadlock

Time ran out on Pepper Gomez last night when the 90-minute time limit ended as the Mexican star had a punishing Indian deathlock on junior heavyweight champion Gentleman Ed Francis at City Auditorium.

Francis had to be helped from the ring after the action ended.

Falls were even at one each when time expired.

Polo Torres returned to the Auditorium with a quick pin over Mad Maurice Vachon while Duke Keomuka lost to Raul Zapata on a disqualification. Quickest win of the year went to Ray Gunkel, who knocked Joe Christy cold in 52 seconds while Hard Bolled Haggerty pinned Hombre Montana.

Win for Gomez May Get Title Go

Wrestling promoter Morris Siegel has offered world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz a cash guarantee of \$15,000 to meet Pepper Gomez, the fiery Mexican matman if he succeeds in taking the world's junior heavyweight title away from champion Ed Francis in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium.

On the terms advanced to Thesz the match would take place here in July with the champion getting the privilege of percentage. The title and belt would be on the line with both contracts signed and agreed upon by NWA President Sam Muchnick and Texas state commissioner M. B. Morgan.

Thesz and his manager, Ed "Strangler" Lewis would come here ten days in advance of the match and hold public workouts which would be televised although the match itself would not.

JUNE 3, 1955

Gomez, Keomuka In Showdown

Pepper Gomez gets a chance to stop Duke Keomuka from using his vicious claw holds forever when he faces the Jap judo ace in an explosive main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night that promises to be one of the wildest battles of the year.

The Duke has posted \$5000 in cash with Promoter Morris Sigel and signed a binding agreement that will prevent him from ever using the grips again if he fails to beat Gomez on Friday night. The Jap has always claimed that he won the verdict the last time he met Pepper and has clamored for a return clash with the muscular Mexican.

Tony Martin, top flight El Paso referee, will be brought here to handle the hot hassle after a violent argument failed to reach an agreement on more than half a dozen names submitted to both men. Martin is a tough and rugged official who is adept at both the refereeing and wrestling ends of the game.

Fifteen tons of ice will be used in the ventilating system of the Auditorium on Friday night to help keep the temperature in the big building comfortable no matter how hot the matches get.

Polo Terres, who looked terrific in his return to action last week, faces another tough task when he goes in against the undefeated masked man, the A-bomber, in the standout semifinal. The masked man has agreed to remove his hood if he is beaten by the popular Mexican star in Friday's match.

Tall and tough Tarzan Mike takes on another man who is undefeated here to date when he matches his strength and size against rugged Pierre LaSalle in the top prelim.

The Texas state tag team title goes on the block when the new champions, Larry

Chene and Raul Zapata, risk their trophy against the formidable opposition of Hard-Boiled Haggerty and Colonel Stu Gibson over the one fall to a finish route.

Antion gets under way in rapid fashion when Ronnie Etchison takes on Mad Maurice Vachon in a match that could steal the show.

JUNE 3, 1955

Explosive Mat Bout Set Tonight

Pepper Gomez steps into the most violent mat match of his career at the City Auditorium tonight when he goes in against Duke Keomuka in a main event that will decide whether the Jap judo ace ever uses his dread stomach claw hold again.

Tony Martin, capable El Paso referee who tips the scale at 220 pounds and has a reputation for not letting wrestlers push him around, has been brought to town to handle the explosive scrap and experts predict that he will have a tough night on his hands.

Martin was selected from a slate of seven referees on the basis of his reputation and the fact that neither man knew him after Keomuka accused local referees of being prejudiced against him.

Keomuka has signed a legal paper that he will never use the claw hold again if he fails to whip Gomez tonight, and Pepper, in top shape and back to his normal 205 pounds of weight after his terrific 90-minute draw with world champion Gentleman Edmund Francis last week, is preparing to go all out to bring the Duke to terms.

Fifteen tons of ice will be packed in and around the fans in the auditorium ventilating system for tonight's big card.

Polo Torres, who never looked better than he did last week in his return to action after a five-month absence, faces a tough night when he goes in against the masked A-Bomber. The hooded man has agreed to reveal his identity and take off the mask if he loses to Polo tonight.

Pierre La Salle, who has not been defeated on the local mat, puts his reputation at stake when he faces giant Tarzan Mike in the promising top prelim.

Duke Wins Over Gomez

A near riot broke out at the City Auditorium on Friday night when Referee Tony Martin raised Duke Keomuka's hand as winner over popular Pepper Gomez. Martin, a hero with the fans through the first two falls and most of the third, was almost mobbed as he made his way through the angry crowd to the dressing room following the clash.

Gomez chased the referee to the dressing room where the pair tangled until police came in to break up the action.

Keomuka won the first fall in 16:09. Pepper took the second fall in 6:07 with a twisting head scissors.

Pepper pounced on the Duke and got the same hold again and when the referee broke it once more he leaped to his feet to argue. Martin pushed him backward, Gomez fell over the Duke and was stunned and as he raised to his feet the Duke leveled him with a terrific judo chop in 5:01 and when Martin counted Gomez down the uproar started.

Polo Torres whipped the A-Bomber in 10:50 with his "El Pulpo" hold and forced him to unmask. The A-Bomber was revealed as Bob Geigel, former University of Iowa star and AAU champion.

Tarzan Mike topped Pierre LaSalle in an even five minutes of their scrap.

The Texas state tag team title was won by Hard Boiled Haggerty and Colonel Stu Gibson in 21:01 of the special event when they beat Raul Zapata and Larry Chene. Ronnie Etchison beat Maurice Vachon with a giant swing in 10:12 of the opener.

JUNE 10, 1955

Gomez Wins, Tony Martin Disqualified

Tony Martin became the center of a riot for the second week in a row when he received help from Duke Keomuka in the final event at the City Auditorium and blinded Pepper Gomez. The crowd surged around the ring and started to climb up on the apron as Gomez rolled around the mat holding his eyes but Referee Ottn Kuss stepped in and disqualified the El Paso grappler and ended the threat.

Martin and Gomez, settling a feud that grew out of Tony's refereeing last week battled each other through 15:01 of their extra added attraction.

Keomuka, in the main event, took a disqualification win over Texas champion Polo Torres and protested bitterly because, according to Texas and NWA rules, the title did not go with the verdict. Keomuka took the first fall in 11:44 with a sleep hold and Torres bounced right back to even the score with his "El Pulpo" grip in 5:48. In the final fall Torres lost his temper and tossed the Duke over the top rope to wind up the loser on a disqualification but still champion in 7:01.

Renato the Beautiful made a sensational debut when he scored over Cyclone Anaya in 6:12 of the semi final.

Hard Boiled Haggerty and huge Tarzan Mike tangled for 15 solid minutes to wind up in a draw. Leo Garibaldi made a successful debut when he beat the Sheik of Araby in 11:14.

Colonel Stu Gibson took the opener in 11:50 from Tonina with a kneedrop to the back.

JUNE 17, 1955

Martin and Keomuka Meet Gomez, Torres in Feature

An all out free for all that may wind up as the wildest tag team scramble in Texas wrestling history heads the gigantic card at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Tony Martin and Duke Keomuka, tied together by their co-operation in recent weeks which has twice resulted in near riots at the Auditorium, face the combined anger of Pepper Gomez and Texas champion Polo Torres in the 2 out of 3 fall scrap which will have no time limit.

Two referees will be in the ring to handle the battle but fans look for the action to pay little heed to rules and regulations and to break loose in a four-way search for revenge that should find the quartet in the ring and at each other's throats through the bout.

Martin exceeded even the unpopular Duke in the ire of the fans last week when he held a momentary consultation with the Japanese and then went back into the ring

to blind Gomez in their scrap. Earlier Keomuka had been disqualified against Torres but did not gain the title and had been protesting the verdict bitterly.

Renato, the colorful South American, faces stern opposition when he goes in against Col. Stu Gibson in the semi-final.

Leo Garibaldi, back from a tour of duty with the Air Force in North Africa, makes his second start here when

he goes in against Leaping Larry Chene.

Hard-Boiled Haggerty sets out to spoil the undefeated record of popular Ronnie Etchison in the second scrap.

Ray Piret, a highly touted newcomer, makes his bow against the rough and ready tactics of the Sheik of Araby in the pace setter.

Torres-Gomez Join Forces For Revenge

Black Guzman expects Polo Torres and Pepper Gomez to turn in some of the best team work ever shown by any squad when they face Duke Keomuka and Tony Martin in Friday's explosive main event at the City Auditorium.

"I asked for the chance to

put both of these men in against the Duke and his buddy," said Blackie. "Now we can settle with both of them at the same time and we won't miss the chance."

The popular Mexican stars each have a score to settle in Friday's all out gang war. Gomez was blinded by Martin last week after the Duke came down to the ringside to assist him and Torres was handed a disqualification loss to the Duke although his Texas title did not ride with the decision he wants to regain his prestige.

JUNE 17, 1955

Torres-Gómez Duo To Test Keomuka, Martin

Polo Torres and Pepper Gomez, handled in the corner by the wise management of Black Guzman, turn their combined wrath on tough Tony Martin and Duke Keomuka Friday in the scrap which will have no limit on time and few limits on roughness despite the fact that 2 referees will be in the ring at the City Auditorium.

KEOMUKA, WHO claims he should have been given the Texas title last week when he won on a disqualification over Torres, has been accused of handing something to Martin when he blinded Gomez in the final match of the night. The Duke, maintaining that he is innocent, has tied to Tony as a partner with little question.

Renato the Beautiful, who proved last week why he is known as South America's answer to Gorgeous George, gets a test against rough opposition when he faces Colonel Stu Gibson in the semifinal of the card.

Leaping Larry Chene, who showed last week that he could referee as well as wrestle, provides a scientific test for young Leo Garibaldi in the top prelim. Garibaldi came back from a tour of duty with the Air Force in North Africa last week to make his debut here and scored a real hit.

RONNIE ETCHISON risks his undefeated record when



POLO TORRES
Teams With Gomez

he goes in against colorful Hard Boiled Haggerty in the second scrap.

Action gets underway when the Sheik of Araby takes on newcomer Ray Piret of Laramie, Wyoming. Tickets go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727. Some 30,000 pounds of ice will again be used in the Auditorium's ventilating system to keep the building comfortably cool.

Duke Denies He Helped Martin Win

Duke Keomuka has denied that he gave anything to Tony Martin last week when the tough El Paso grappler was tangling with Pepper Gomez.

"I came down to the ring to protest the fact that I beat Polo Torres and did not get the Texas title as I should have," said the Duke. "I saw that Guzman and Gomez were ganging up on Martin just as they did on me and I said a few words of encouragement, that's all."

Fans who saw the Duke shake hands with Martin and then watched Tony take after Pepper and blind him came close to taking matters in their own hands. Up to that time Martin was proving tough to handle but Pepper was doing a masterful job.

Friday's battle will see all four of the grapplers in one of the most promising tag matches ever carded here. Two referees will be in the ring in the match that will have no time limit and few, if any, limits on the extent of the roughness.

JUNE 24, 1955

Gomez To Face Martin In Feature

A single dollar will be paid to the loser of what promises to be the best wide open scrap of the year at the City Auditorium Friday night when Pepper Gomez and tough Tony Martin tangle in the main event. There will be no disqualifications in the three-fall scrap at the request of Black Guzman, Pepper's manager.

Duke Keomuka has been barred from entering the building Friday night and this will deprive Martin of the man who has been responsible for helping him over the past two weeks. Both the Duke and Tony became involved in a near riot last week when they attacked Guzman, who has been invalidated out of wrestling.

WITH THE WINNER due to get the lion's share of the purse and a big measure of revenge, Gomez is sharpened to the best shape of his career. Texas Girls' Champion Nell Stewart risks her trophy for the first time this year when she meets Houston's Olga Zepeda over the one fall to a finish route. Olga and Nell tangled last year and the young Mexican miss wound up all even with the Blonde Bombshell.

Polo Torres steps into a tough spot when he meets Killer Karl Davis in the semifinal.

Renato, the most talked about wrestler of the year, brings his long hair and delicate style into play against Irish Mike Clancy in the top prelim.

Col Stu Gibson and huge Tarzan Mike tangle in the second scrap while the 8:30 PM opener finds Raul Zapata and Leo Garibaldi matching speed and science. Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office. CAptol-7-5158.

Gomez, Martin In Grudge Mat Scrap

Pepper Gomez and tough Tony Martin will throw everything they have into an absolute finish match at the City Auditorium on Friday night and the loser will get just \$1 take-home pay while the winner gets the balance of the purse.

There will be no disqualifications called in the sizzling grudge scrap.

Duke Keomuka, who caused a young riot last week when he turned his blinding tactics on Black Guzman, will be barred from the building for Friday's fracas by decree of promoter Morris Sigel who is anxious to make sure that nothing interferes with the all-out efforts of the pair to settle their differences in a battle that should be the wildest of the year.

Girl wrestlers go into the extra added attraction that makes the card a six-match affair and the distaff side of the game promises to steal the show. Texas girls' champion Nell Stewart defends her trophy against Houston's own Olga Zepeda in the one-fall to a finish affair, a match that matchmaker Frank Burke has

been trying hard to sign ever since Olga came close to beating Nell last year.

Polo Torres faces a tough night when he meets Killer Karl Davis, rugged 246-pound motion picture star, in the semifinal.



NELL STEWART
Puts Title on Line Friday

Tony Martin Meets Gomez on Mat

Tough Tony Martin, who has been a storm center every time he has stepped into the Houston ring, faces a whirling dervish when he meets Pepper Gomez in the main event at City Auditorium Friday night and the loser will receive just one dollar for his services.

There will be no disqualifications called as the grapplers make an all out effort to settle their argument in a scrap that will give the winner the combined purse minus the single dollar for the loser.

DUKE KEOMUKA will be barred from the Auditorium Friday night by order of Promoter Morris Sigel who is

anxious to give both men a chance to settle their quarrel without interference from a third party. Last week the Jap brought a violent storm of protest when he blinded Black Guzman, manager of Gomez.

Tony took full advantage of the fact that Gomez became more interested in what happened to his manager than his fate in the ring and came in behind the muscular Mexican to score a quick pin fall in their tag team struggle.

TEXAS GIRL'S Champion Nell Stewart faces a battle when she meets Houston's own Olga Zepeda in the one fall to

JULY 15, 1955



MR. MOTO
In Mat Match

Moto, Gomez Top Mat Card

Mr. Moto, rated as the toughest Japanese wrestler in the world, returns here after a two-year absence to face the explosive tactics of popular Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Mr. Moto, responding to a frantic call from Duke Keomuka, comes here at a time when the Duke is faced with a rising tide of opposition both in the ring and out.

Last week Keomuka was barred from the building when Gomez turned in a spectacular and convincing victory over Tony Martin and the Jap became so aroused he wired his cousin to join him in an all-out war on those who were "ganging up on him."

Gomez, who is responding to the teaching of Black Guzman and has never looked better than he does right now, begged for the chance to put a stop to Moto's violence before it could get started here and was given the chance after he concluded his spectacular scrap with Martin.

Moto ruled the roost here during his last stay and was the storm center of some of the wildest nights the Auditorium has ever seen.

Rito Romero returns to action for the first time this year when he meets Duke Keomuka in a semifinal scrap that could steal the show. Romero was called by Guzman after it was plain that the Duke was about to bring in reinforcements and Rito responded immediately.

Miss Nell Stewart faces another tough defense of her

Texas state title and trophy when she meets the scissors queen of the girl grapplers, Belle Starr.

Lou (Shoulders) Newman and Hans (Blockbuster) Schnable make their tag team debut here when they take on "Leaping" Larry Chene and Ronnie Etchison in the no time limit second scrap.

Action gets under way when Hard-Boiled Haggerty takes on muscular Cyclone Anaya.

JULY 13, 1955

Moto Protests Gomez Version Of Claw Hold

Mr. Moto, accustomed to applying his vicious stomach claw hold without fear of retaliation, faces an entirely new situation when he meets Pepper Gomez in Friday's main event at the City Audi-

torium and the big Japanese doesn't like it.

With Duke Keomuka arguing his case, Moto has appealed to deputy commissioner Billy Smith to declare Pepper's version of the vicious hold to be illegal.

"Gomez goes after the hold below the belt and that's a fowl," says the Duke.

"Moto and I use a fair and legal hold as anyone can see but this Gomez should be bar-

red from even trying the grip."

Smith argued right back that one stomach claw was as good as another to him and refused to take any action requested by Keomuka.

Pepper Gomez May Steal Moto's Tricks

Pepper Gomez plans to use every weapon at his command, including the stomach claw, when he faces Japan's Mr. Moto in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Black Guzman's announcement that Pepper would clamp the claw hold on Moto is the first definite statement either of them have made that Gomez actually knows the hold which has become the trademark of Duke Keomuka.

Moto, who has caused more violence in Texas rings than any other man except the Duke, has never used the claw holds here but there is no doubt that he is well acquainted with them. The giant Japanese will be making his first start here in two years and figures to go all out, particularly since his valet, Fuji, has been barred from the ringside.

Rito Romero, all time favorite of the fans here, is back in town and ready to tackle Keomuka in the semifinal of Friday's huge all-star card.

Gomez Wins Over Moto In Mat Feature

Pepper Gomez won Friday night's featured wrestling attraction at the City Auditorium when Mr. Moto was disqualified for using an illegal claw hold in the third fall.

As Moto left the ring he clamped the claw hold on Black Guzman who has been on the ailing list. Rito Romero leaped to the defense of Guzman and Duke Keomuka came to Moto's assistance and in a few seconds a wild melee was under way.

Several spectators got into the fracas.

Moto won the first fall and Gomez took the second before Moto was disqualified.

Romero and Keomuka traveled to a 20-minute draw in the semifinal.

Nell Stewart retained her state title when she beat Belle Starr.

Hans Schnabel and Shoulders Newman won the tag team match from Larry Chene and Ronnie Etchison.

Hard Boiled Haggerty and Cyclone Anaya drew in the opening bout.

JULY 8, 1955



Rito Romero, Pepper Gomez
IN TAG TEAM MATCH

Tag Team Match Is Mat Feature

Rito Romero and Pepper Gomez join forces in an all out effort against Duke Keomuka and Mr. Moto that promises to turn into the most explosive tag team match in Texas mat history.

The 2 out of 3 fall free for all holds down the main event spot at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Moto reached heights of unpopularity never achieved by any matman here when he clamped a claw hold on Black Guzman last week. The cruel move brought Romero charging into the Jap's battle with Gomez and brought on a sensational melee that has had a few equals here.

Both Pepper and Rito are anxious to make Moto pay for his unprovoked attack on Guzman who is out of the mat game for physical reasons and cannot defend himself.

Keomuka, who was in Moto's corner last week and joined in the post match battle that saw almost a dozen men battling within the ropes, is anxious to join his cousin in the four-way fracas.

Gomez, Romero Guzman to Seek Revenge Friday

Pepper Gomez and Rito Romero plan some of the closest co-operation ever turned in by tag team partners when they battle Duke Keomuka and Mr. Moto in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Black Guzman, who will handle the pair, has his doctor's okay to go into the corner for the team on Friday but has been warned that any further strain on his stomach may put him back in the hospital. Last week Guzman, who has already been invalidated out of the game was attacked by Moto and suffered a vicious application of the claw hold.

Gomez and Romero are fired to the hilt to get even with the Jap judo ace and they plan to stop at nothing in the four way fracas that shapes up as one of the wildest free for alls in Texas mat history.

Rito Romero Pleased With Tag Partner

Rito Romero, who never looked better than he did in his two fisted scrap with Duke Keomuka last week, is well satisfied with Pepper Gomez as a tag team partner when they meet the Duke and Mr. Moto in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium.

Pepper and Rito have worked hard to smooth out their team work for Friday's fracas and believe they have created the type of opposition that will overcome the advantage the Japs will have in having competed in many a doubles duel.

Team Match Tops Wrestling Card Tonight

JULY 8, 1955

An international explosion of atomic proportions breaks loose at the City Auditorium tonight when Japan's Mr. Moto and Duke Keomuka tangle with Mexico's Rito Romero and Pepper Gomez in a 2-out-of-3-fall tag team tussle that looms as one of the best action producers in Texas mat history.

Pepper and Rito are trained to the minute for the effort and will be handled in the corner by Black Guzman, who, while not completely recovered from the claw hold clamped on him by Mr. Moto last week, has received an O.K. from his doctor to take over the job.

Moto, who started one of the most violent melees ever seen here by his unprovoked attack on the popular Blackie, is still protesting his disqualification loss to Gomez on the grounds that the claw he put on the muscular Mexican was below the line of the trunks and a foul.

Tough Tony Martin matches his tricks of the trade against Texas heavyweight champion Polo Torres in the semifinal of the all-star card.

George Bollas, the former Zebra Kid, comes back to action after a long absence that saw him shed more than a hundred pounds. The 235-pound roughster takes on huge Tarzan Mike in the top prelim.

Colonel Stu Gibson meets the speedy challenge of Leo Garibaldi in the second scrap on the card while action gets underway at 8:30 when Renato, the long-haired South American, faces Killer Davis.

Gomez-Romero Team To Meet Duke-Mr Moto

Mr Moto and Duke Keomuka face the combined wrath of Pepper Gomez and Rito Romero in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night and the four-way fracas gives every promise of turning into the wildest tag team event in local mat history.

Black Guzman, still under doctor's care and not yet recovered from the stomach claw clamped on him by Mr Moto last week, insists he will be in the corner on Friday night handling Pepper and Rito.

MOTO BECAME the most unpopular individual ever to hit Houston when he attacked Guzman last week and injured the former wrestler. Blackie is on the retired list because of an internal injury caused by Keomuka two years ago.

Romero, who bounced to Guzman's defense last week, will be perfectly paired with the muscular Gomez. Romero never looked better than he did last week in his first match here in more than six months and he and Pepper plan a type of team work that should give the Japanese plenty of trouble right from the opening bell.

Polo Torres, Texas state heavyweight champion, goes into a non-title semifinal against Tony Martin. The semifinal could steal the show as the rugged ex-referee makes a bid to plaster Polo into defeat and regain main event recognition. Torres will be on the spot but is anxious to prove he can top Martin in the one-fall scrap.

GEORGE BOLLAS, who weighed 335 pounds when he



GEORGE BOLLAS
Faces Tarzan Mike

was the Zebra Kid here, returns at a mere 230 to take on a man who tips the scale at 275 pounds, Tarzan Mike.

Leo Garibaldi, clever youngster who held the world's junior heavyweight title before going into the Air Force, faces Colonel Stu Gibson in the second scrap.

Action gets under way when Killer Karl Davis, who has few hairs on his head, goes in against long-haired Renato, the South American Gorgeous George. Tickets go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727.

JULY 15, 1955

Friday Mat Card Heavy

A complete bill of prelims and an added attraction are the action on tap for mat fans at the City Auditorium Friday night, with the one fall to a finish scrap that comes after the Mr Moto-Polo Torres Texas title main event due to steal the spotlight.

Rito Romero gets a chance at Tony Martin on a man-to-man basis in the explosive battle and the young Mexican mat star promises to provide Martin with all that he can handle in the battle.

Rounding out the prelims Pepper Gomez, who was knocked out for 20 minutes last week, takes on Ronnie Etchison in the semi-final.

Tarzan Mike tackles husky Shoulders Newman; newcomer Tom Drake faces George (Zebra Kid) Bollas and Hans Schnable goes in against Leaping Larry Chene to round out the card. Tickets are on sale starting Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727.



'NOT YOU, PEPPER'—Maurice Potts, left, of the Variety Boys' Club explains to Wrestler Pepper Gomez that the signs at Buff Stadium refer to baseball activities, not to Pepper himself, who'll be seen in baseball action Sunday when the wrestlers play a Houston Press Club team in an exhibition game before the Houston-Oklahoma City contest. It'll be part of the annual Variety Boys' Club night at Busch Stadium, with the proceeds going to the boys' club. Tickets are \$1 and can be bought from any member of the Variety Club or boys' club.

AUGUST 5, 1955

Gomez To Defy Moto's Claw Hold Friday Night

Mr Moto defends his Texas state heavyweight title against the one man in wrestling powerful enough to defy his stomach claw when he meets Pepper Gomez in the main event of Friday's six-match card at the City Auditorium.

Not only does Gomez have the power to keep Moto from applying the grip as he did on Tarzan Mike last week but the Mexican star is willing to stake \$5,000 that he will win by putting the Jap's controversial hold on him.

BLACK GUZMAN, manager of Gomez, has dared the Oriental to put up any amount of money and he will cover it, taking the total if his man wins by using the claw. Gomez has made Duke Keomuka run by his efforts to apply the grip and he feels he can double Moto up with it in a three-fall match.

Friday's fracas promises to be a scrap that will be packed full of action all the way with fans looking for the opportunity to see Moto caught in his own grip. The Japanese will not only lose his title and belt if that happens but will lose face with his own countrymen. He is expected to be at his roughest to prevent that.

Duke Keomuka faces a busy assignment when he tries to break the undefeated string of Ronnie Etchison in the semi-final. Ronnie is making a bid for main event recognition. Keomuka, who came back last week after an enforced layoff of three weeks, eyes the top spot himself.

TOUGH TONY MARTIN comes back after a two-week layoff to tangle with tricky Rito Romero in the added attraction that makes the card a six-match affair.

Three new stars make their bow in the balance of the prelims. Wilbur Snyder, West Coast athlete, faces Hans Schnable in the top prelim.

The Mongol, who is the only man from his country touring the world at this time, makes

his first start in the U. S. against Tonina in the second scrap.

Another import, Roy Hefferman, barrel-chested Australian, makes his start against Hard Boiled Haggerty in the pace setter.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel drug store, Capitol-2-2727.

Gomez Says He'll Get Claw Hold On Moto Friday

Pepper Gomez, who has let a 240-pound man drop feet first on his stomach, doesn't believe that Mr. Moto's fingers are going to be strong enough to penetrate the wall of muscle he will present as opposition to the stomach claw when they tangle for the Texas state title at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

"Moto won't get the claw on me," said Pepper. "I can promise my fans that. I can also promise them that I will get the claw on him just as early in the match as I possibly can. I intend to put a stop to this claw hold business and I think the only way to do it is to let these Japs know how it feels."

Pepper has proven that he knows how to apply the grip by clamping it on a number of grapplers but he has yet to corner either Moto or the Duke with the hold.

Last week Moto used it on huge Tarzan Mike, something most fans figured couldn't be done, and brought the big fellow down to defeat.

AUGUST 5, 1955

Gomez and Moto In Title Match

Pepper Gomez, whose powerful stomach muscles promise to provide protection against the stomach claw hold, bids for the Texas state title when he meets Mr. Moto, the champion of the state, at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Moto proved the potency of the grip last week when he beat 275-pound Tarzan Mike with it but the Oriental may find Pepper's powerful set of abdominal muscles the real answer to protection against the hold.

Gomez made Duke Keomuka back down last week when he offered to stand there and let him apply the hold but the Duke, after starting to take the dare, backed off and refused.

Friday's card will be a terrific six-match affair with a trio of new faces figuring in the prelims.

Ronnie Etchison, who has run up a long string of matches here without a defeat



WILBUR SNYDER
In Mat Debut

against him, makes a bid for main event honors when he steps in against Duke Keomuka in the semifinal.

Rito Romero tries his tricky two-fisted style against the tough tactics of Tony Martin in the extra added attraction.

Wilbur Snyder, rated as one of the most promising heavyweights in the top flight ranks today, makes his bow when he battles Hans Schnable.

The Mongol, probably the only Mongolian matman touring the world today, makes his American debut when he takes on Tonina, the 265-pound Mexican star.

Roy Heffernan, husky Australian, faces Hard Boiled Haggerty.

Pepper Confident Of Beating Moto

Popular Pepper Gomez, who is willing to let any man in the world jump on his stomach or take their Sunday punch, doesn't intend to give Mr. Moto a chance to apply his vicious stomach claw when they meet on Friday night at the City Auditorium. However, if Moto manages to get his hands on Pepper, the muscular Mexican believes he won't be able to take the hold.

"Moto's fingers aren't strong enough to dent my stomach," said Pepper as he offered to let any man in the world try it. "I am not boasting, I am just confident. And I am equally confident that I will put the hold on Moto and win the Texas title."

Moto, who brought Tarzan Mike down to defeat with the claw last week despite his 275 pounds, doesn't believe that any man can avoid being defeated by the hold, and hopes to prove it on Friday, but he has never answered Black Guzman's offer to bet \$5000 on the outcome of Friday's fracas.

AUGUST 12, 1955

Gomez Vows To Whip Duke

Pepper Gomez aims the vicious stomach claw at the midsection of the man who brought the painful hold into American wrestling when he meets Duke Keomuka in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight and the all-out grudge battle promises to be one of the most bitterly fought battles in Texas mat history.

Keomuka will be without the assistance of his cousin, Mr. Moto, who has been barred from the Auditorium tonight in spite of the protests of the two Japanese.

Moto dropped the title last week when Gomez caught him in the stomach claw and became the first man besides the two Japs ever to put the hold on anywhere.

Gomez has vowed that he will win tonight's tilt with the claw and make the Duke feel the full effects of the grip, something that fans have been waiting to see for a long time.

The capable Mexican star is trained to the minute for the effort against the Duke and threatens to carry out his prom-

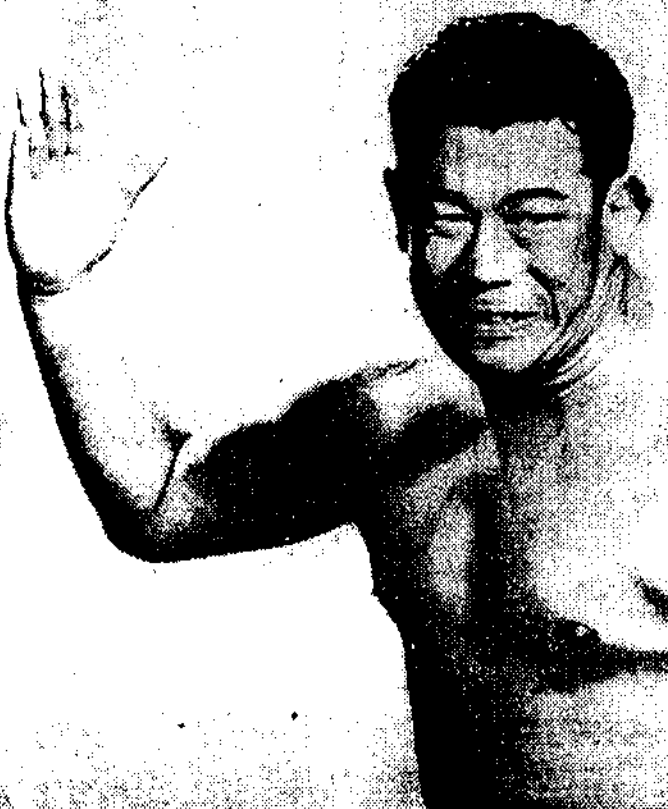
ise to the fans with a vengeance.

Polo Torres and Rito Romero join hands tonight in a tag team combination that promises to provide smooth working opposition for the rough and tumble squad of Tony Martin and Zebra Kid Bolas in the one fall to a British semifinal. Romero and Torres will be aiming at Martin but the hefty Bolas may spell the difference for the pair of tough grapplers.

Wilbur Snyder, rated as one of the fastest rising stars in the game and out to capitalize on the great impression he made last week, steps in against Col. Stu Gibson in the promising top prelim.

Husky Roy Heffernan, Australian import, makes his second start here when he tries for a win over Huge Tarzan Mike.

Action gets under way at 8:30 when the Mongol, who made a hit last week in his debut, battles the flying tactics of Leaping Larry Chene. Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, CA 7-5158.



DUKE KEOMUKA

Gomez Plans To Stop Duke With 'Claw'

Duke Keomuka faces the possibility of being caught in the vicious grip of the hold he introduced into American wrestling when he faces the newly crowned champion of Texas, Pepper Gomez, in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Gomez proved that he has mastered the Oriental stomach claw by clamping it on Mr. Moto last week to receive the most tremendous ovation any wrestler has ever gotten here. Moto will be barred from the building tonight when Keomuka makes his effort to get revenge.

Keomuka, incensed at the way Moto was made to suffer in his own hold last week, has vowed that he will put Pepper out of the mat game just as he did Guzman two years ago.

Guzman, manager of Gomez, is confident that his boy will not only keep the title tonight but carry out his promise to the fans to win the match with the stomach claw, just as he did against Moto.

Tag team action takes over in the semi-final, a one-fall-to-a-finish affair. Rito Romero and Polo Torres, a fast-moving pair of Mexican stars, match their team work against the rough house wrestling of Tony Martin and George (Zebra Kid) Bolas.

Wilbur Snyder, California newcomer who made a real hit last week, steps in for his second start when he faces Col. Stu Gibson in the top prelim.

Australia's Roy Heffernan makes his second bid for a win here when he battles big odds in the form of Tarzan Mike.

Action gets underway at 8:30 when another colorful grappler makes his second local start with the Mongol facing Leaping Larry Chene.

AUGUST 12, 1955

Gomez Training Hard for Battle With Keomuka

With his terrific victory over Mr. Moto still being cheered by wrestling fans across the state, Pepper Gomez is taking no chances of a letdown in his training for his scrap with Duke Keomuka in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium.

"This match is even bigger and more important to us," said Black Guzman, manager of the muscular Mexican star.

"Now that Pepper has put the claw on Mr. Moto we want to make Keomuka feel the same torture and he will do it on Friday."

The ovation given Gomez when he put the claw hold on Moto last week was the greatest spontaneous demonstration ever offered any matman here but the modest Gomez still remains unaffected.

Gomez, Keomuka Battle to Draw

Pepper Gomez retained his state wrestling title last night at City Auditorium as he came from behind to draw with Duke Keomuka.

Duke won the first fall in 14:09 and both men were counted out while out of the ring in 12:36 of the second. Gomez won the last fall with a basket grip.

Rito Romero and Polo Torres won the semifinal when Tony Martin double-crossed his partner, George Bolas, and walloped him into defeat.

Other matches were: Wilbur Snyder whipped Colonel Stu Gibson, Tarzan Mike and Roy Heferman battled to a 15-minute draw and Larry Chene won over the Mongol on disqualification.

Gomez Makes Comeback To Retain Title

Pepper (Go-Go) Gomez came back after a hard fall and a deadlock to halt Duke Keomuka and hold onto his Texas championship belt in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium.

Keomuka took the first fall in 14:09, but both performers were declared out of the ring in the second go-round after 12:36, and it took official deputy commissioner Billy Smith to settle a dispute raised when Duke said he was the winner and new titleholder. Smith ruled another round was necessary, and Gomez downed Keomuka with a basket grip to win the final fall, gain a draw and remain champion.

Rito Romero and Polo Torres won the semifinal match in 13:01 after Tony Martin had battered his own partner to bring on defeat.

Stu Gibson fell to Wilbur Snyder in a preliminary which lasted 8:15.

Tarzan Mike and Roy Heferman struggled 15 minutes to a draw.

Mongol refused to quit while he was ahead and lost

AUGUST 13, 1955

Gomez, Martin To Wrestle on Sportarama

They have filled the City Auditorium every time the names of Pepper Gomez and Tony Martin have appeared on a wrestling card.

And now the fans of Houston will have an opportunity to watch the two, with no admission charge.

Gomez and Martin have signed for a match during the

Sportarama at the Sam Houston Coliseum on August 13.

The Sportarama, largest active sport show ever staged in Houston, is being sponsored by a joint effort of The Chronicle, KTRK-TV, and the Foster Parent's Plan.

Houston was selected for the kickoff site of the national Foster Parents drive and so to

familiarize the public with the work of the organization, the Sportarama was planned.

For at least three hours, the show will be carried on KTRK-TV.

Or if you want to see it in person, there is no admission to the Coliseum.

The Gomez-Martin match

will be just one of many sport and music features.

Both Gomez and Martin agreed to donate their time for the show.

Pepper is a 200-pounder from Los Angeles and one of the biggest names in Houston wrestling. He is managed by Black Guzman.

And on the other side is Martin, 215 pounds, and recognized as one of the roughest, toughest matmen in the business.



WRESTLERS SIGN FOR SPORTARAMA
—Pepper Gomez, left, and Tony Martin, right, sign with matchmaker Frank Burke, center, for a match during the Houston Sportarama, August 13, at the

City Auditorium. The wrestlers, two of the best in the country, are donating their time for the show. Their match is made possible by wrestling promoter Morris Sigel of the Gulf Athletic Assn.

AUGUST 19, 1955

Fight to Finish On Mat Card

Whether it takes 3 falls or 33 falls, Friday's main event at the City Auditorium will continue until there is absolutely no doubt about whether Duke Keomuka or Pepper Gomez is the champion of Texas and eligible to meet world's heavy-weight champion Louis Thesz.

One of the men will have to quit or be carried from the ring before the match can end no matter how many falls it takes.

Keomuka, who claims that he should have been given the Texas state title last week after the second fall of his scrap with Pepper, promises to be at his wildest to get the "Battle to the Death," as the wrestlers call it, decided in his way.

However, Gomez, who feels that Duke's pointed remarks about a deliberate mistake being made in his favor when last week's decision was called, will be out to erase any doubt

in his two-fisted attack on the Jap judo ace.

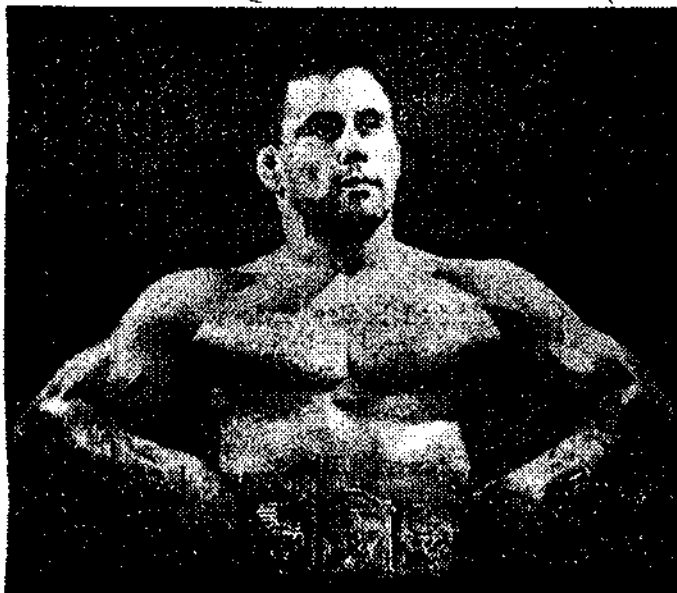
In the semifinal, a one-fall-to-a-finish affair, Rito Romero and Polo Torres team together to tangle with the rough wrestling combo of Mr. Moto and Tony Martin in a battle that could just about steal the show. Romero and Polo are anxious to show that their smooth wrestling teamwork can whip the rugged pair.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, with reservations at CA 2-2727.

Wilbur Snyder, riding the crest of a pair of wins here, steps in against rugged Al Lovelock in the top prelim.

The colorful and tough Mongol makes his third start when he faces Airman 2/C Leo Garibaldi.

Action gets under way in promising fashion when Houstonian Jimmy James goes after Australian Roy Heffernan.



PEPPER GOMEZ

Texas state champ defends title again Friday.

Pepper Poised For Keomuka

Pepper Gomez, in the best shape in his career, has wound up his training for his match with Duke Keomuka at the City Auditorium Friday night.

"Pepper is in great shape and we will win this match in one fall if the opportunity presents itself or wrestle a hundred falls if necessary," said Black Guzman, manager of Gomez.

Gomez has been sharpening up his claw hold attack and working on a method of keeping Keomuka from squirming toward the ropes when he puts it on.

Wilbur Snyder, fast-moving West Coast youngster, will be closely watched when he makes his third start here against rugged Al Lovelock.

AUGUST 19, 1955

Keomuka Won't Have Alibi If He Loses Bout

Duke Keomuka, who claims that he should have been champion of Texas after the second fall of his match with Pepper Gomez, will have no argument when Friday's all-out battle is over.

The match will not end until either he or Pepper have quit or been carried from the ring, no matter how many falls it takes.

"This is just what we want," said Black Guzman, manager of the muscular Mexican. "Keomuka will have no alibi when Friday's fight is over and Pepper can wear him down and put the claw on him."

Gomez, who came from behind last week to earn a draw in a hotly controversial scrap after the Duke had taken the first fall and both men were counted outside the ring as they battled in the second, was disappointed that the Duke escaped the claw last week.

"He ran for the ropes every time I went for it," said Pepper, "and in the last fall I could take no chances and had to be satisfied with a pin fall. This week I don't have to worry. I will have a hundred falls to try the claw if necessary."

Gomez Seeking Shot at Theisz

No matter how many falls it takes, tonight's explosive battle between Duke Keomuka and Pepper Gomez will not end until one man has either quit or been carried from the ring.

The winner will not only take home the Texas state title and belt but will get a crack at world's champion Louis Theisz, a fact that adds plenty of fuel to the fire.

Gomez, determined to humble and hurt the Duke with the claw hold, is prepared to go a hundred falls if necessary to accomplish his purpose. Keomuka, realizing he is on the spot, has declared that he will be at his roughest tonight to end the tilt as soon as possible.

All indications point to a rip-roaring battle that should even top last week's sensational clash.

Tag team action takes over in the one fall to a finish semifinal when Rito Romero and Polo Torres team together to look for their third victory in a row.

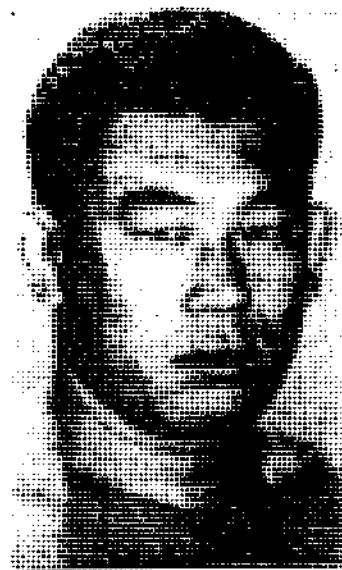
Tonight's four-way fracas promises to be their toughest test when they face Mr. Moto and Tony Martin, a pair that has demonstrated their ability to work together before and promise plenty of trouble for the Mexican favorites.

Fans look for Wilbur Snyder, rapidly rising young West Coast

star who has caught on here in a big way, to have his toughest test when he faces Al Lovelock in the top prelim.

Leo Garibaldi takes time off from his Air Force duties to tangle with the rugged and colorful Mongol in the second scrap.

The pace setter, which goes in the ring at 8:30 finds Houston's own Jimmy James tackling Australia's Roy Heffernan. Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, CA 7-5158.



DUKE KEOMUKA
In for rough night.

AUGUST 19, 1955

AUGUST 26, 1955

Gomez Beats Duke Again

Pepper Gomez is a hard man to get down—if you don't believe so, ask Duke Keomuka.

The Duke managed to floor Pepper three times in the first six falls, but the Texas champion scored a convincing victory over Keomuka, winning the final three falls of the title hassle, which went a record 12 falls.

Gomez goes after world champion Lou Thesz next Friday night.

Keomuka was booted out of the ring in the tenth fall for a Gomez decision and then the champ followed up in the 11th with a leg lock which stopped the challenger and prevented him from coming out for the 12th round.

In other matches, Tony Martin and Lou (Shoulders) Newman defeated Polo Torres and Rito Romero. Wilbur Snyder downed Al Lovelock, the Mongol won over Leo Garibaldi and Roy Hefferman took the opener from Jimmy James.

Pepper Gomez in Top Shape for Title Bout

Pepper Gomez and Black Guzman are confident that the muscular Mexican can take the world's heavyweight title away from Louis Thesz when they clash in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

"We have never let our fans down," said Blackie, "we told them we would put the claw on Moto and we did and we told them we would whip Keomuka in that finish match last week. Pepper is in great shape and he will live up to everything said about him on Friday."

Thesz, due in town today, will be facing the best conditioned athlete he has ever met while he will be on the final leg of a swing around the country that may have taken the edge off his condition and his eagerness for the type of all-out scrap he will get from Gomez.

The champion has been preceded into town by his manager, Ed "Strangler" Lewis, who is scouting the stomach claw hold in an effort to find a defense against it in case Gomez goes after the bold in tomorrow night's clash.

Gomez Ready for Title Bout With Lou Thesz

World's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz risks his title against the powerful attack of one of the most capable and best conditioned athletes in the wrestling world when he faces Texas champion Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Gomez, in perfect shape after his unprecedented 12-fall victory over Duke Keomuka last week, plans to carry the match to Thesz but has refused to reveal whether or not he plans to use the stomach claw.

Experts from all sections of the country are in town for tonight's battle and most of them look for an upset.

Matchmaker Frank Burke has lined up a supporting card, including a pair of the

best midget matmen in the nation.

Duke Keomuka, his injured knee back in shape again, tests his ability to bounce back from defeat when he goes in against huge Tarzan Mike in the semifinal.

Wilbur Snyder, whose three-match winning streak has stamped him as a main event possibility here as he has been elsewhere in the country, meets a tough test when he faces Lou "Shoulders" Newman in the top prelim.

George Bollas battles Rito Romero in the second scrap while action gets under way at 8:30 when Lord Clayton Littlebrook, 3'8, 94-pound Britisher, meets the world's mightiest midget, Sky Low Low.

AUGUST 26, 1955

Gomez to Meet Thesz Friday

Louis Thesz defends his world's heavyweight wrestling title against Texas champion Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night and the battle promises to be one of the toughest tests the veteran champion has ever had.

Gomez, rated as the most capable man ever to hold the Texas state belt, is in perfect condition for his title battle and came through his marathon match with Duke Keomuka last week ready and eager to go after the champion.

Black Guzman, who will handle Pepper from the corner, is confident that his boy will be able to beat the champion. Blackie has first hand experience with Thesz and will be of invaluable aid to his protegee and will be able to offset the usual advantage Thesz enjoys by having Ed "Strangler" Lewis to handle him.

Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727. Out of town customers can send a check or money order to Gulf. A. C., 502 Milam Bldg. Prices are \$1.50; \$2.20; \$2.75; \$3.70. Mail orders will be filled promptly in the order they are received.

Matchmaker Frank Burke has come up with some top support for the title match in a quartet of prelims that will include a couple of midget wrestlers.

Duke Keomuka, threatening to be at his roughest to chalk up a win and get back in the top spots, meets Giant Taran Mike in the semi final

event of the night, a match that should test both men to the limit.

Young Wilbur Snyder, rapidly gaining a swarm of fans here, meets his toughest test to date after chalking up three straight victories when he meets Mr. Moto in the top prelim.

Rito Romero and George Bolas clash in the second spot on the bill, a battle that shows plenty of promise.

Sky Low Low, rated as one of the world's best athletes, pound for pound for every one of his 94, goes in against Britain's best small package pachyderm, Lord Clayton Littlebrook in the non televised pace setter.

Gomez May Try Claw on Thesz

Whether or not to use the claw hold against world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz is the dilemma of Texas state champion Pepper Gomez who gets a crack at the title at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Black Guzman, manager of Gomez has not revealed whether or not he and Pepper plan to use the vicious grip on the champion if the opportunity presents itself but most of their supporters feel that he will and are urging him to make full use of it.

Pepper's tremendous victory over Duke Keomuka last week, in a match that had more falls scored than any other match in Texas mat history, still is the talk of the town.

Thesz, due in town Thursday to put the finishing touches on his training here, will be facing the best conditioned athlete he has ever met and the match should be an all-time classic from the point of view of the fans.



AUGUST 26, 1955



LOU THESZ

Gomez Girds For Lou Thesz

Pepper Gomez, one of the greatest Texas champions wrestling has had, gets a chance at the world's heavy-weight title when he meets Louis Thesz in the most important main event of the year at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Gomez, in top shape after his gruelling triumph over Duke Keomuka in a marathon match last week, promises to continue the same pace against Thesz in Friday's battle.

Both men will have first-class advice from the corner for Friday's test. Black Guzman will handle the challenger and his first-hand knowledge of Lou's style is expected to pay big dividends. In the opposite corner will be the veteran Ed Strangler Lewis to handle the champion.

Matchmaker Frank Burke has come up with a top-flight card of prelims, including a pair of the country's top midget wrestlers, who will appear in the nontelevised opener.

Duke Keomuka, anxious to get back in the win column after his terrific clash with Gomez last week, faces the biggest man in the mat game when he meets Tarzan Mike. Mike is also anxious to step into the main event slot and

figures to go all out against the Duke.

Mr. Moto also, after a convincing win, meets the youngster who has captured the fancy of the fans here with a trio of wins, Wilbur Snyder.

Rito Romero is due to have a tough job on his hands when he faces George Bolas in the second scrap.

A pair of mighty atoms rip loose in the pace-setter when Sky Low Low, rated as one of the world's best athletes, pound for pound, meets England's mighty midget, Lord Clayton Littlebrook.

AUGUST 26, 1955

Thesz, Gomez Clash Tonight

Fiery Pepper Gomez makes an all-out bid for the world's heavyweight wrestling title against champion Louis Thesz in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

The scrap gives every indication of being one of the best, besides one of the most important of the year.

Thesz will be facing the best conditioned athlete he has ever met and Gomez has proven that he has speed and ability that match his terrific physical condition.

Both men will have expert advice from their corners but, for once, Thesz will not have things all his own way in this department.

While Ed (Strangler) Lewis, worried over what he has heard in the past few days here, will be handling Thesz, Pepper's partner will be Black Guzman, who knows Lou's style from competitive experience and will use that knowledge to help Gomez through to a title win tonight.

Matchmaker Frank Burke has tossed some of his best stars into the prelims, packing them with promising action including a pair of the nation's top midget matmen in an opener that will not be televised.

Huge Tarzan Mike steps into the semifinal when he faces Duke Keomuka in a battle to see which man will challenge the winner of tonight's main event.

Wilbur Snyder, whose army of fans has been increasing in the past three weeks while he has scored a trio of wins, meets his toughest opposition tonight when he takes on tough "Shoulders" Newman in the top prelim.

George Bollas, former Zebra Kid, goes in against Rito Romero in the second scrap.

Midget wrestlers get things off to a flying start in the 8:30 pace-setter when Sky Low Low, champion of the mighty atoms, tackles England's 38, 94-pound bit of fighting fury, Lord Clayton Littlebrook. Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, CA 7-5158.



LORD CLAYTON LITTLEBROOK

94-Pound bundle of dynamite wrestles tonight.

SEPTEMBER 2,
1955

Gomez, Romero in Finish Bout With Duke, Martin

For the first time in wrestling history four men will climb through the ropes for Friday's main event at the City Auditorium and the match will not end until two men, one complete team, has either quit cold or unable to continue.

Pepper Gomez and Rito Romero, holders of the Texas state tag team trophy, ired by the continued taunts and challenges of Duke Keomuka and tough Tony Martin, picked up

the latest threat and demanded that Friday's match be settled on a finish basis.

Matchmaker Frank Burke, eager to sign the scrap, readily agreed and demanded that Keomuka and Martin either accept on those terms or shut up their demands for a tag title match.

Gomez is still being hailed as the uncrowned champion of the world by his fans for the great showing he put up against Louis Thesz last week.

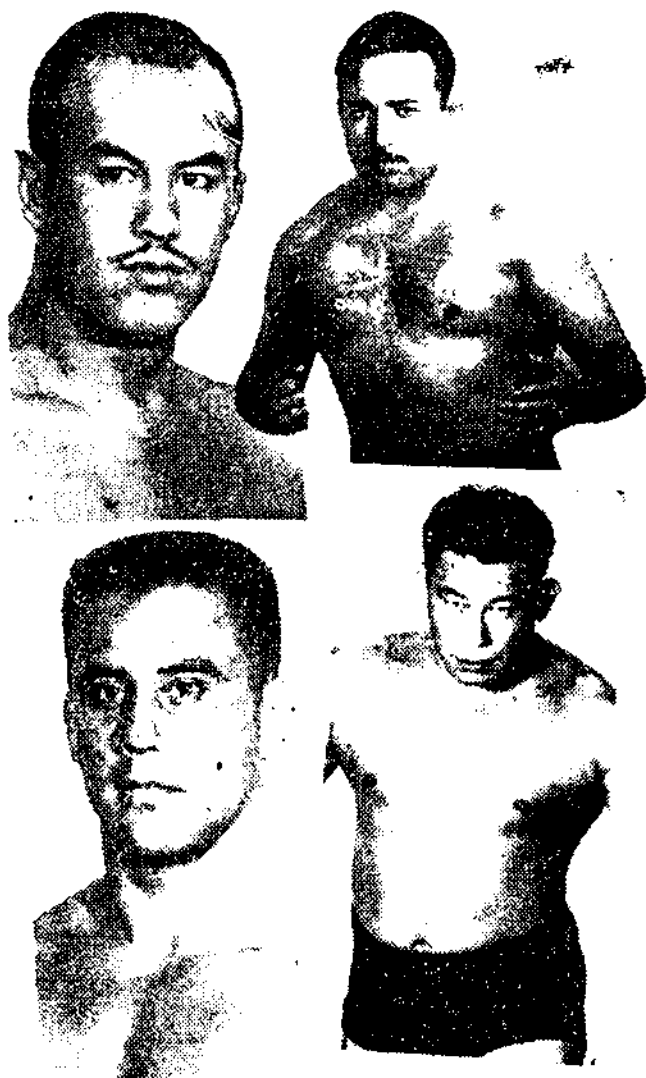
Ray Gunkel, one of Houston's all time favorites, returns from a triumphant tour of Canada that has lasted four

months to meet the rugged opposition of Colonel Stu Gibson, the Louisville slugger.

Wilbur Snyder, who has chalked up four straight wins here, matches his speed against the colorful and rugged Mongol in the top prelim.

Irish Mike Clancy will make it rough for a newcomer when he faces Bozo Brown in the second spot. Brown drove a tank during the war and is rated as a rugged contender.

Polo Torres tries his brand of science against the fast moving mat work of Leaping Larry Chene to round out the card.



IN FINISH BOUT—The Texas tag team championship will be at stake Friday night at the City Auditorium when Rito Romero, upper left, and Pepper Gomez, bottom left, meet Tony Martin, upper right, and Duke Keomuka in a finish bout.

Tag Team Duel Is to the Finish

Pepper Gomez and Rito Romero turn their wildest attack against Duke Keomuka and Tony Martin in a history making tag team match at the City Auditorium tonight, a match that will probably go down in the books as the wildest ever seen here.

No matter how many falls it takes, tonight's match will not end until two of the wrestlers, one complete team, has either quit cold or been carried from the ring. It could take six falls or 66 but the winner will not be in doubt when the scrap ends.

Matchmaker Frank Burke signed the four way scrap on that basis at the demand of Romero and his partner. Both suffered disqualifications last week and want to be able to go all out to repel Martin and the Duke tonight without fear of penalty.

There will be extra police at ringside when the four way fracas gets underway to keep the action from spilling into the aisles but it is still expected to boil into the most explosive scrap of them all when the quartet is turned loose.

One of Houston's all time

favorites returns to action in the semifinal when Ray Gunkel ends a four month tour of Canada to take on Colonel Stu Gibson. The Louisville Slugger is all set to spoil the return of Gunkel and step into a main event spot.

Whether Wilbur Snyder can make it five in a row is the question that will be answered when the fast moving California youngster steps in against the colorful Mongol in the top prelim.

Irish Mike Clancy hopes to spoil the debut of a newcomer when he meets former Army tank driver Bozo Brown in the second spot on the bill.

Leaping Larry Chene will try to outspeed Polo Torres when he faces the Mexican favorite in the 8:30 opener. Tickets are on sale at the City Auditorium box office, CA 7-5158.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1955

Gang War Tops Wrestling Card

A riotous gang war that threatens to top anything ever seen here for wild, nonstop action tops the mat program at the City Auditorium tonight. The tag team match will not end until one of the teams has either quit cold or been carried from the ring no matter how many falls it takes.

Pepper Gomez and Rito Romero join in the record-breaking clash when they defend their Texas tag title against the assault of Duke Keomuka and tough Tony Martin, a pair that have been hurling threats and challenges at the champions for the past month.

Both Rito and Pepper insisted that matchmaker Frank Burke sign the scrap on a basis that would have no limit on falls or time so that they could settle the issue with the Jap and Martin on an all-out try. Last week the Mexican favorites both suffered disqualification losses in their matches but tonight they will not have that to worry about.

Extra police will be at ring-side to keep order but inside the ropes the two referees assigned to the job are expected to have their hands full when things break wide open. The battle could go six falls or 66 but will end only when there is no doubt about the winner.

Popular Ray Gunkel returns after a four-month absence that took him from one end of Canada to the other to face Colonel Stu Gibson in the standout semifinal, a match that gives Ray a rude welcome

pared to go all out to do it.

The Mongol, colorful Oriental with the pony tail hair-do who has been creating quite a stir in Texas wrestling, sets out to keep Wilbur Snyder from chalking up his fifth straight victory in the top prelim.

Bozo Brown, big, bruising newcomer, makes his bow against the flying fists and feet of Irish Mike Clancy.

Action gets under way at 8:30 when Leaping Larry Chene and Polo Torres take their best shots at each other.

Pepper's Fans Back Him Up

Pepper Gomez, who joins with Rito Romero to take on Duke Keomuka and Tony Martin in the first tag team match in wrestling history that will go until one of the teams has either quit cold or been carried from the ring, is receiving messages of confidence from fans all over the city for his great showing against world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz last week.

Pepper's supporters insist that he did not foul Thesz, either deliberately or by accident, in the drop kick that ended the young Mexican youth's efforts to take the world title last week. Gomez was disqualified when a dropkick was ruled low and lost the next fall automatically when the champion was unable to return to the ring.

Gomez Insists He Didn't Foul Champion Thesz

Pepper Gomez, whom many fans are calling the uncrowned champion of the mat world after his terrific showing against world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz last week, still insists that he did not foul the champion.

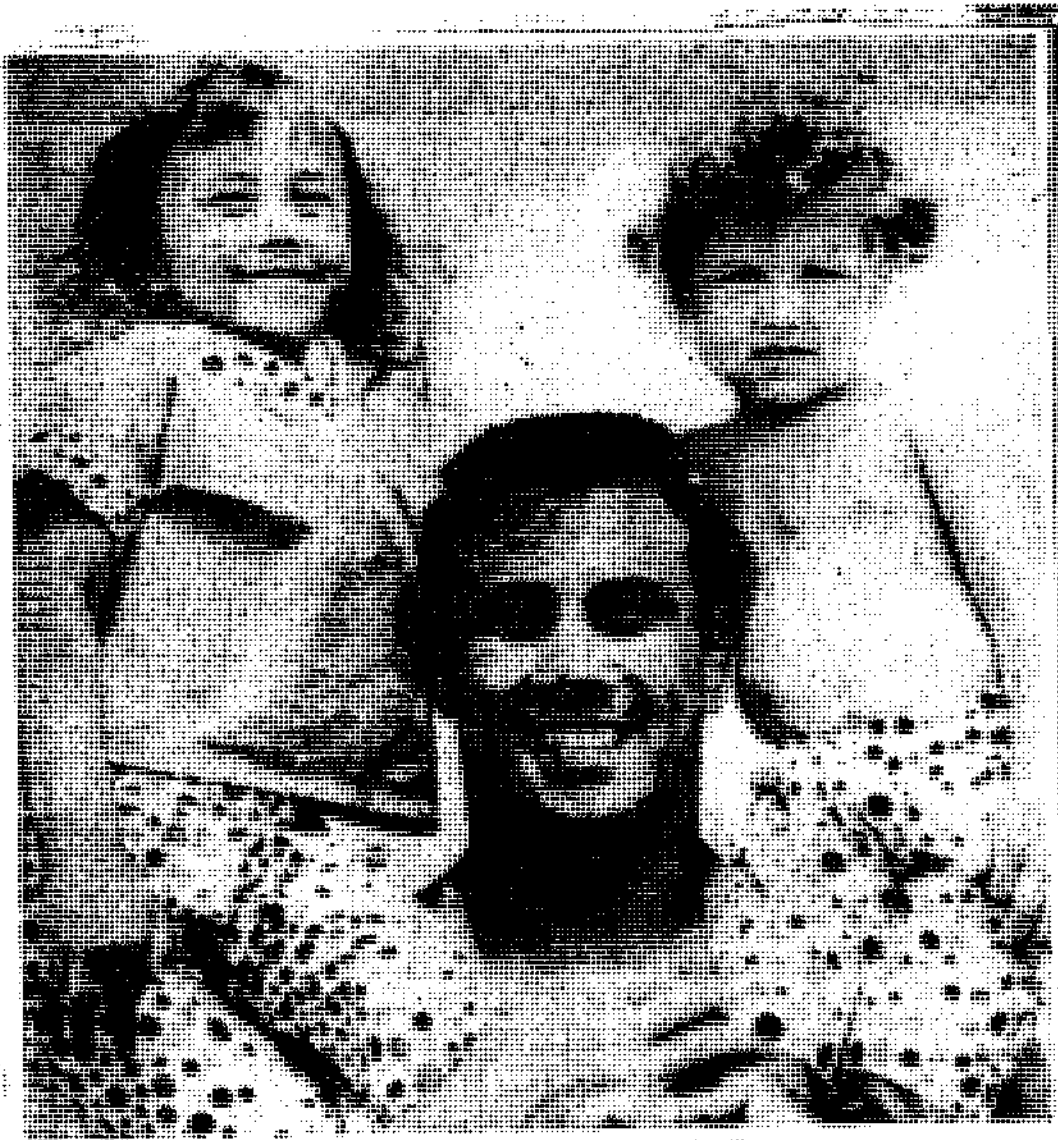
"I dropkicked Thesz squarely in the stomach," insists Gomez. "He just took the easy way out and stayed down."

Many fans who were close to the ring agree with Gomez and his manager but the champion's manager claims that the dropkick, thrown while Thesz was flying through the air for a body scissors was a deliberate foul.

"It was a vicious blow," said Lewis, "and I think Gomez meant to do it."

Gomez joins with Rito Romero this Friday night at the City Auditorium to face the combined roughhouse artistry of Duke Keomuka and tough Tony Martin in a match that will not end until one team has been carried from the ring or has quit cold and admitted defeat.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1955



WHO SAYS WHISTLELESS BOYS ARE BOYS? Pepper LaMott, one of the greatest favorites currently appearing at the City Auditorium, shows in this picture he's just a home-loving guy like all of us. Those two young ladies aren't fans, either, they're Pepper's own daughters—Dottie and Janet.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1955

Plucky Pepper Whips Two Men

For once, two men apparently weren't better than one.

So developed the no-time-limit wrestling feature Friday night at the City Auditorium, where Pepper Gomez, spurred by 3000 cheers, rallied to defeat Duke Keomuka and Tony Martin.

Gomez's partner in the Texas tag team title tiff, Rito Romero, was lost for the night after he was slammed—without the ref's blessing—against the ring post.

Gomez had won the first fall, twisting Keomuka like a pretzel with a head scissors. Romero split the next two sessions with Martin before his injury.

Faced by two men, Gomez eliminated one in a hurry, lifting the Duke over the top rope with a drop kick. The Duke landed on his knee and couldn't continue.

The stomach claw finished Martin and the match, but the toughest struggle was yet to come—the fight to the dressing room, the path to which was blocked by screaming, scrambling Gomez supporters.

In other bouts, Ray Gunkel defeated Col. Stu Gibson, Wilbur Snyder won over the Mongol on a disqualification, Bozo Brown pinned Mike Clancy with 35 seconds left and Larry Chene and Polo Torres drew.

Gomez, Thesz To Meet Friday

Pepper Gomez and heavyweight champion Lou Thesz have been rematched for a title bout and Promotor Morris Sigel has arranged to have the two meet in the Coliseum Friday night.

Gomez, who lost to Thesz on a disqualification last week, was terrific in the tag team bout against Tony Martin and Duke Keomuka last night. After his partner, Rito Romero, was injured, Gomez put the finish on both Keomuka and Martin.

Pepper insisted last week that his drop kick that forced Thesz to quit was not low and hopes to lift the title from the champ this time.

In other matches last night at the Auditorium, Ray Gunkel beat Colonel Stu Gibson, Wilbur Snyder made it five in a row with a disqualification win over the Mongol, Bozo Brown pinned Irish Mike Clancy and Larry Chene and Polo Torres battled to a draw.

Gomez to Use Every Weapon

Pepper Gomez, aware that rumor has spread around the nation like wildfire that he is sure to be the next champion of the world, intends to go all out with every weapon he knows to whip Louis Thesz when they battle at the air-conditioned Coliseum on Friday night.

"In our last match I didn't even try to use the claw," said Pepper, "even though Lou was wide open for it. When I saw him rolling around the mat claiming that I had kicked him low when I knew I hadn't I promised myself if I ever got into the ring again with him he would know how the claw hold felt."

Pepper's fans are in full accord with his willingness to use the hold and many feel that Thesz took the easy way out in their last struggle because he felt that Gomez was about to overpower him.

Gomez has clamped the vicious hold on a number of victims to date, the latest being tough Tony Martin last week when he gained a sensational victory.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1955

Thesz, Gomez In Title Bout

Wrestling moves into the air-conditioned Coliseum Friday night with one of the greatest cards ever offered fans here in the long and colorful history of the sport. The gigantic program, which will not be televised, gives fans the greatest opportunity they have ever had to see a new champion of the world crowned.

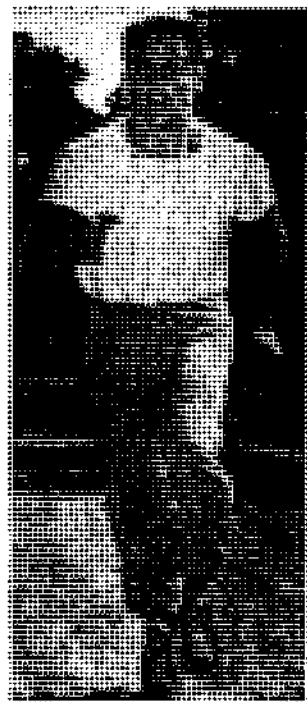
Pepper Gomez, whom many fans call the uncrowned champion of the world, gets a chance to make it legal when he takes on titleholder Louis Thesz in a main event. The match promises to attract wrestling promoters and experts from all over the nation in the hope that the aging Thesz will lose his crown.

Girls in Title Match

Gomez has promised his fans that he will use every hold he knows, including the vicious and hotly debated stomach claw, to knock the champion off the throne. The last time they met, two weeks ago, Pepper refrained from attempting the hold but became so incensed when Thesz claimed a foul that many fans thought it was perfectly legal he decided to use the hold if he got the chance.

Matchmaker Frank Burke and promoter Morris Sigel, backed by the demands of the fans, laid down an ultimatum to Thesz to accept the meeting with Gomez or face official commission action. Even with this pressure the veteran promoter had to come up with a guarantee of a minimum of \$12,500 and a privilege of percentage that promises to make him the highest-paid athlete in Houston's sports history for a single performance.

A second world's title goes on the line in the special added attraction when June Byers, Houston's own contribu-



PEPPER GOMEZ
Preps for Title Clash

tion to the grappling game, defends her world's girl's title against the challenge of beautiful Bonnie Watson in a match that could just about steal the show.

Boesch vs Keomuka

A sizzling grudge will be settled in the semifinal, a one-fall to a finish affair, when Paul Boesch, who will not be televising that night, takes advantage of the opportunity to let loose a blast at Duke Keomuka that may rock the Jap judo artist out of the top spot here.

Ray Kunkel, who returned to action last week after a four-month layoff and was greeted enthusiastically by his fans, faces another rough night when he goes against tough Tony Martin.

Wilbur Snyder, whose popularity grows with each week, meets a highly-touted newcomer when he takes on Gentleman Jim Dobie.

The colorful Mongol makes a bid for main event recognition when he faces Rito Romero in the match that rounds out the card.

Coliseum Is Jinx For Champ Louis Thesz

Louis Thesz, who believes that the air-conditioned Coliseum is a jinx to him because he once lost the world's title in that same building, has demanded and received an assurance that he will receive a return match with Pepper Gomez within 60 days if he is beaten by the Mexican mat favorite Friday night.

Thesz was beaten by Bronko Nagurski in the Coliseum the first time he held the world's title and Gomez is the same kind of a muscular powerhouse that Nagurski was.

June Byers, the other world's champion who is to defend her title on Friday's gigantic, nontelevised card was due to arrive in town today to spend some time with her family and friends. June meets beautiful Bonnie Watson.

Gomez Is Primed For Title Bout

SEPTEMBER 9, 1955

Pepper Gomez, primed for the greatest effort of his life and rated as a better-than-even choice to take the world's heavyweight title, faces champion Louis Thesz in the main event at the air-conditioned Coliseum tonight.

A wave of expert opinion, popular enthusiasm and rumor has installed Gomez as the greatest possibility to snatch the title and belt since Thesz lost his crown to Bronko Nagurski a number of years ago.

Gomez goes into the ring determined to use the stomach claw and every weapon at his command.

Thesz, thought to be slipping badly, will find it hard to match the youth, power and speed of the muscular challenger who has already received better than a \$100,000 in cash offer from a swarm of experts from three countries.

One of Houston's greatest crowds is expected. The show will not be televised and is backed up by another world's title bout. June Byers, Houston's own contribution to the grappling game, defends her world honors when she meets beautiful Bonnie Watson of West Virginia.

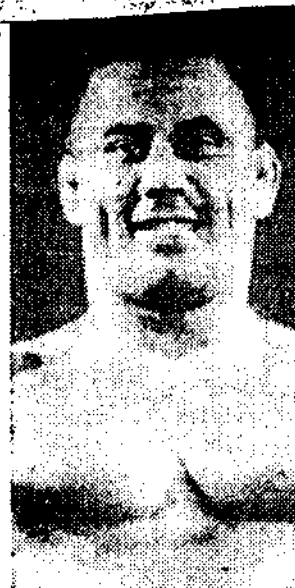
Paul Boesch, freed from his TV chores for the night, gets a chance to settle a long-standing grudge with his arch rival Duke Keomuka in the one-fall-to-a-finish semifinal. Keomuka blames Boesch for coaching his opponents in judo and Boesch blames the Duke for interfering on his TV program.

Ray Gunkel, who made a great hit on his return to action last week, steps in

against tough Tony Martin in the prelim.

Young Wilbur Snyder, who gains more friends with each passing week, meets a highly touted newcomer when he faces Gentleman Jim Dobie.

Action gets under way at 8:30 when the colorful Mongol goes in against clever Rito Romero.



PEPPER GOMEZ
Eyes World's Title



LOUIS THESZ
The Champion



PAUL BOESCH
Popular Mat Announcer



DUKE KEOMUKA
In Grudge Battle

SEPTEMBER 9, 1955

Gomez Can Name His Own Price if He Beats Thesz

Pepper Gomez will walk out of the air-conditioned Coliseum with better than \$100,000 in contracts in his hands if he takes the world's heavy-weight title away from Louis Thesz on Friday night. The mighty Mexican mat star's manager, Black Guzman, has been busy conferring with promoters from all over the nation this week and signing agreements that make Gomez the most sought-after athlete the mat sport has seen in years.

Pinky George, Des Moines, Iowa, promoter, on hand for the battle, is looking for the return between Thesz and Pepper but promoter Ed Mc-

Lemore of Dallas, who flew in yesterday, has plans that include the Cotton Bowl and doubled Pinky's pledge of \$30,000.

Promoter Morris Sigel expects the capacity of the air-conditioned Coliseum to be taxed tomorrow night when the pair of rivals square off but points out that there are still good seats available. These are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727.

June Byers, who defends her world's girl title in the other top match on the big card, is in town and ready for a busy night when she faces beautiful Bonnie Watson over the one-fall-to-a-finish limit.

Lou Thesz Still Champ

The air-conditioned Coliseum suited Pepper Gomez almost to a T—that is T for title as he battled champion Lou Thesz to a draw in the main event Friday night.

Some 9000 fans jammed the unfamiliar wrestling arena with Gomez taking the first fall, Thesz the second, and the third was even.

It took Gomez 39 minutes to get the first fall over with, and the champ had to go 29 to win the second.

Paul Boesch won on a disqualification over Duke Keomuka in a special attraction which saw the popular Boesch cut above the eye before getting the win.

June Byrne remained women's queen with a decision over Bonnie Watson. Ray Gunkel and Tony Martin went to a draw in the prelim, while Wilbur Snyder beat Jim Dobie.

Rito Romero won the opening match over Mongol.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1955

Gomez, Duke Don Judo Jackets

Both men will wear judo jackets when Pepper Gomez and Duke Keomuka tangle in a roughhouse regulation judo match in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Gomez, taunted by the Duke, leaped at the chance to put the jackets on with the Japanese and beat him at his own game.

The Duke, thwarted at every turn by the scrappy Mexican youngster, hopes to use the jackets to turn the trick on Friday but Pepper has proven that he is no that he is no stranger to Japanese methods by being the only man besides Keomuka and Moto to use the Oriental stomach claw.

Under judo rules the match can only end when one man has been choked into unconsciousness or has quit. Pinning a man to the mat does not end a fall and has no bearing on the outcome.

Following the main event, TV announcer Paul Boesch and tough Tony Martin step through the ropes to continue their violent quarrel which has raged for several weeks. The match is for one fall to a finish.

Science and speed should be the keynote of the semifinal when Ray Gunkel and fast-moving Wilbur Snyder lock horns.

The Great Scott, who looked tough in his return to action last week, meets another tough problem when he faces leaping Larry Chene.

Two newcomers see action in the remaining pair of battles with Spain's great champion Gregario Sanchez Jarque getting his baptism against big Bozo Brown, who has

chalked up one win in one start here.

Gino Nivolina makes his debut in the pacesetter when he faces George Bollas.



GREGARIO JARQUE
Makes Mat Debut Friday

Gomez, Duke Tangle Tonight in Mat Battle

Pepper Gomez sets out to whip Duke Keomuka at his own game when he dons a judo jacket and steps in against the Jap ace in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight. The wild and roughhouse battle will be under judo rules which permit strangling and mark falls only when a man has been choked into unconsciousness or submits.

Gomez snatched at Keomuka's challenge last week to meet him in a jacket match and has worked out hard all week to be in perfect shape for the fracas. His manager, Black Guzman, believes that Pepper will provide the Japanese with everything he can handle in the way of action with the jackets.

Following the main event, an extra-added bout goes into the ring when Paul Boesch faces the rough and rugged mat work of Tony Martin in an effort to settle the feud that has raged between the pair for weeks.

Matchmaker Frank Burke has ruled that Keomuka will be barred from ringside while Martin is in the ring and that Martin will be ruled out of Duke's corner during the main event. This puts both men on their own tonight.

Science and speed should characterize the semifinal when young Wilbur Snyder faces popular Ray Gunkel.

The Great Scott, who returned to action last week after a long absence makes his second start when he meets Leaping Larry Chene.

Two of promoter Morris Sigel's latest imports go into action in the balance of the prelims. Spain's champion, Gregaria Parque makes his bow when he faces big Bozo Brown in the second scrap.



THE GREAT SCOTT
To Wrestle Larry Chene

while action gets underway at 8:30 when another newcomer, Gino Nicolini takes on George Bollas.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1955

Keomuka Faces Gomez Tonight

Judo jackets will be worn by both men when Duke Keomuka and Pepper Gomez explode at each other in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight and the muscular Mexican favorite makes an all out effort to beat the Jap at his own game.

Judo rules will govern the battle which means that the strangle hold will be legal and that falls can only be gained by forcing a man into submission or choking him into unconsciousness. Pinning a man's shoulders does not constitute a fall.

Gomez, no stranger to Oriental tactics as his mastery of the stomach claw proves, expects to throw a few surprises at the Duke tonight and his manager, Black Guzman, is confident that he will win.

After the main event fans will be treated to an action-packed special attraction. Paul Boesch gets a chance to settle his feud with Tony Martin over the one fall to a finish route and Burke has also barred Keomuka from seconding Martin, giving both men a chance to

settle their differences without interference.

Tonight's semi-final should be a sizzler since both men are speedsters who prefer to stick to the wrestling rules. Young Wilbur Snyder matches his tricks of the trade against the capable mat work of Ray Gunkel in the standout event.

Larry Chene tries his agile tactics against the roughhouse measures of the Great Scott in the top prelim.

Gregory Jarque, champion of Spain, makes his debut in the second scrap when he goes in against the big Bozo Brown.

Another newcomer steps into the opener, which goes into the ring at 8:30, when Italy's Gino Nicolini faces George "Zebra Kid" Bollas.



GREGORY JARQUE

Spanish champ debuts.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

2 Main Events Slated Friday

Two terrific main events top the dynamite packed mat program promoter Morris Sigel has arranged for his fans at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Pepper Gomez defends his Texas state title against the two fisted assault of Dynamite Danny Savich in the first three fall scrap of the night.

Paul Boesch gets a 2 out of 3 fall chance to settle his long standing argument with Duke Keomuka in the final match of the night and the battle should be one of the bitterest ever waged here.

The pair have been rivals

for years and Friday's battle is the blow off between them.

Matchmaker Frank Burke has put together a trio of top prelims that will have action as the keynote. The Great Scott, putting in his bid for a main event, meets the newest sensation of the year when he faces Wilbur Snyder.

Rito Romero goes into action against the pony-tailed Mongol in the second scrap of the night.

Action gets under way with a quick start when Gino Nicolini, who made a terrific hit in his debut last week, faces newcomer Doug Donovan. Tickets go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727.

OCTOBER 7, 1955

Grapplers Scrap For Big Purse

The greatest single night of action in Houston's wrestling history unfolds at the City Auditorium tonight as 12 top wrestlers, who have each put up \$500 entry fee, battle for a share in \$7500 prize money in a gigantic elimination tournament that will give fans 11 matches in one night.

Promoter Morris Sigel has added \$1500 to make the grand total and first place money amounts to \$5,000 for the man who remains undefeated; second walks home with \$1750 as a consolation and third man gets \$250 profit on his \$500 or a total of \$750.

Three judges will sit at ring-side to hand down decisions if any match goes the time limit. There will be no draws and every match must have a winner. Larry Chene, one of Houston's wrestling favorites, will be one of the judges. Referee Julian Johnson and oilman and mat fan Leon Harrison will handle the other two spots.

Placings on the card will be determined by deputy commissioner Billy Smith who will draw to see who takes the opener just before match time.

Matchmaker Frank Burke has handed the fans pairings that read like a list of main events for the initial go round in the run for the money. Paul De Galles, who was not an orig-

inal starter in the tournament but bought in when the Mongol became afraid that he would lose his \$500, will face Spain's champion Gregory Jarque in the initial go round. De Galles caused a near riot last week when he jumped on Paul Boesch. The Frenchman is considered to be a tough customer.

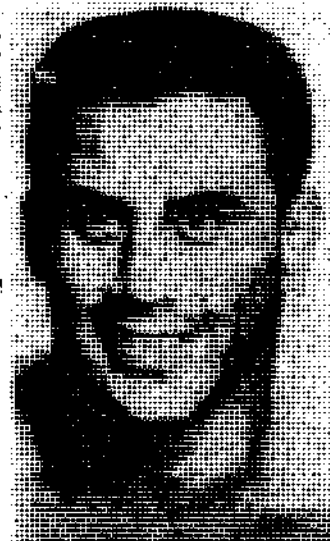
Pepper Gomez, who wants that \$5000 to put in an education fund for his new daughter born after last week's matches, battles a man who is not easy to pry away from a dollar, the Great Scott.

Newcomer Jack Laskin, husky entry, makes his bow against the tough opposition of Colonel Stu Gibson.

Wilbur Snyder, who promises to add plenty of spark to the tournament, meets tough Tony Martin in their part of the first round.

Rito Romero tests a newcomer who made a terrific impression last week when he meets Doug Donovan.

Duke Keomuka steps in against the toughest assignment of the year when he tries to keep Ray Gunkel from adding to his bank account. First match goes in the ring at 8:30. Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, CA 7-5158.



PEPPER GOMEZ

Wants jackpot for daughter.

OCTOBER 14, 1955

Gomez-Romero Look For Revenge Tonight

Pepper Gomez and Rito Romero will make an all-out effort to regain the Texas state tag team title from Duke Keomuka and Dynamite Danny Savich when they meet in the top half of a double main event bill at the City Auditorium tonight.

Romero and Gomez claim that a bad decision took the trophy from them in Dallas last week.

Savich and the Duke, who turned down the rematch at first, realize they are in for a four-fisted battle. Fans in Big D call the scrap last week the greatest they have ever seen and wanted the return in that city.

World's junior heavyweight champion Gentleman Edmond Franics, relieved of the worry of defending his title tonight, turns loose with his rough-house style against huge Tiny Mills, the 270-pound lumberjack, in the companion three-fall event. Mills won last week's rich tournament.

Tiny's three wins in one night last week, including one over Gomez, took him less than 10 minutes and he hopes to continue by beating Francis tonight.

Newcomer Hans Hermann, the giant German from Hanover, makes his bow when he battles another giant, George Bollas, in the top prelim. Hans tips the scale at 270 and his terrific physique covers a 6'6" frame.

Leaping Larry Chene tries his agile tactics against the rough and rugged style of Frenchman Paul de Galles in the second scrap.

Action gets under way at 8:30 when Gentleman Jim Dobie meets the clever tactics of Ray Gunkel.

OCTOBER 21, 1955



WILBUR SNYDER
In Tag-Team Match Friday

Gomez Wants To Maul Mills

Pepper Gomez, who has mauled a dozen king-sized grapplers into helplessness

during his rise to the top here, expects to turn loose with everything he has on Tiny Mills, the giant Canadian lumberjack, in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium. "If I can't beat him and do it convincingly," said Gomez with determination, "I'll quit wrestling and go home. He's big but he's dumb and I don't think he will cut any wood with me."

"Mills has been making nasty remarks about Guzman and me and about the Mexican people," said Gomez. "I have never thought he was anything but a big overgrown bum since I first saw him. But the way he has been shooting off his mouth makes me so mad I can't see straight."

Gomez has chalked up victories over big men like husky Hans Schnable, George Bollas, Mr. Moto and Bull Curry and doesn't look on his deficiency in the size department as a drawback.

Promoter Morris Sigel has dangled an offer of a \$15,000 guarantee to Gomez for a return shot at world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz

Mills Expects To Rout Gomez

Giant Tiny Mills, the long-haired lumberjack who would get first billing in a race to find the world's toughest man, expects to use his 270 pounds to crush Pepper Gomez when he goes after the Texas state heavyweight title at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

"This Pepper isn't a man, he's a boy," said Mills. "Where I come from they don't call us men until after we pass the 250-pound mark. He couldn't even wash dishes in the lumber camp where I come from."

Pepper, still peeved at the fact that Mills was able to gain a win over him in his first start in Texas, wants to erase that loss from the books with a sound victory over the giant on Friday.

Gomez missed a drop kick in the tournament held here two weeks ago and straddled a rope, practically put himself out of action.

Mills tossed world's junior heavyweight champion Gentleman Edmond Francis last week in a fashion that promises to make him live up to his reputation as one of the most dangerous big men in the mat game.

Francis was unable to continue after the first fall when a back body drop reminiscent of the one used by Whistlers Savage knocked him cold.

GIANT VS GIANT KILLER WRESTLING

CITY AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY NIGHT

TINY MILLS

270 LB. LUMBERJACK
VS

PEPPER GOMEZ

TEXAS CHAMPION

TWO TERRIFIC
TEXAS TITLE TESTS!

DANNY SAVICH
AND
DUKE KEOMUKA
VS
RAY GUNKEL
AND
WILBUR SNYDER

Tickets on sale TUESDAY ...
AUDITORIUM HOTEL DRUG-
STORE ... RESERVATIONS
CA 2-2727 PRICES:
\$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30, \$2.75

OCTOBER 21, 1955



PEPPER GOMEZ
To Risk Mat Title

Gomez to Tackle Huge Tiny Mills

Fiery Pepper Gomez takes over the job of giant killer when he meets the massive madman from Canada, Lumberjack Tiny Mills, in the action promising main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night, a battle that will see the Texas champion try to chop the woodsman down to size.

Mills, with his rough attack backed by 270 pounds, has proven to be one of the most sensational characters to hit Houston in years. Last week he bounced on world's junior heavyweight champion Gentleman Edmond Francis and took all the fight out of him and his first appearance in town was against Gomez in the recent rich tournament which Mills won.

Ever since Mills mauled Pepper in that upset the muscular Mexican's manager, Black Guzman, has been after a chance to stop the huge grappler's rise here. Pepper puts his title at stake on Friday but matchmaker Frank Burke admits that Pepper is more interested in walloping the woodsman than worrying about the belt.

Mills promises to be difficult to stop with a 70-pound advantage in the weights but Gomez's fans are sure he can get the job done.

The Texas tag team title goes on the block in the one fall to a finish semifinal when champions Duke Keomuka and Dynamite Danny Savich risk their trophy against the attack of a couple of All-Amer-

ican boys, Ray Gunkel and Wilbur Snyder.

Huge Hans Herman, the German Giant from Hanover who was so impressive in his debut victory over George Bollas last week, makes his second start against Tony Martin in the top prelim.

Paul De Gálles; the fighting French, faces tough opposition when he goes against Italy's Gino Nicolini.

Action gets under way when Leaping Larry Chene tries Doug Donovan.

OCTOBER 21, 1955

Mills' Tirade Angers Gomez

Tiny Mills, the mauling mat maniac, may have opened his mouth once too often and could find Pepper Gomez's foot in it when they meet in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Gomez, who has been the victim of nasty remarks from Mills, considers Tiny a personal foe on Friday and expects to top the timber toppling giant as quickly and as roughly as he can.

"Mills has been saying rotten things about me and Guzman and about the Mexican people in general," said Gomez. "and I don't think things like that should be brought into wrestling. If I don't take that big hulk apart in straight falls

on Friday I'll go home and burn my tights."

Promoter Morris Sigel has spurred Gomez on by dangling a \$15,000 guarantee offer for a match with world's champion Louis Thesz in front of him.

"Gomez has whipped a lot of big men," said Sigel. "I've seen him chop Hans Schnable, George Bollas, Mr. Moto and Bull Curry down, to size and I don't think Mills weight is going to bother him an ounce."

Gomez to Test Mighty Mills

Pepper Gomez, the fiery giant killer, will tangle with Tiny Mills, the massive lumberjack, in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Mills proved himself to be doubly dangerous last week when he followed up his surprise tournament win with a victory over world's junior heavyweight champion Gentleman Edmond Francis.

Black Guzman, manager of Gomez, has been after a chance to settle with Mills ever since the long haired roughster rode rough shod over Gomez in the tournament.

Mills' unpredictable style may prove a difficult hurdle for the muscular Mexican youngster but his fans expect him to give a terrific account of himself in the argument.

Dynamite Danny Savich and Duke Keomuka, tag team champions of Texas, defend their trophy against the all out assault of a pair of favorites, Wilbur Snyder and Ray Gunkel, in the one fall to a finish semi final.

Hans Hermann, voted by many as the most impressive grappler to hit Houston since the days of Whiskers Savage because of his immense size and strength, faces a rough night when he matches his muscles against the rough house style of tough Tony Martin.

France's Paul De Galles, the rugged Paris grappler, faces the clever tactics of Italy's Gino Nicolini in the second scrap.

Leaping Larry Chene will face a busy night when he tangles with rugged Doug Donovan in the opener.

Gomez Retains State Mat Title

Pepper Gomez retained his state crown by whipping Tiny Mills in straight falls at City Auditorium last night.

Pepper won the first fall when Mills was disqualified and took the second with an airplane spin. Mills outweighed Gomez by 76 pounds.

Wilbur Snyder and Ray Gunkel took the Texas tag title from Duke Keomuka and Danny Savich in the semifinal. Savich was caught with a flying tackle by Snyder to end it.

Hans Hermann finished off Tony Martin with a back breaker and then gave Keomuka the same treatment when he came in the ring to help.

In the other matches, Larry Chene lost to Doug Donovan in a rugged battle and Paul De Galles and Gino Nicolini fought to a draw.

Hermann Faces Gomez Tonight

Every bout is a title test at the City Auditorium tonight as Promoter Morris Sigel offers his fans a terrific Cavalcade of Champions that promises to provide some of the best action of the year. Matchmaker Frank Burke has come up with top opposition for every titleholder in the parade of belt holders and it should be a rough evenings for the kings in every scrap.

Texas heavyweight champion Pepper Gomez goes into the final event of the night when he risks his belt against the challenge of Hans Hermann, the sturdy German Oak, who last week crushed Duke Keomuka out of the picture and earned the right to go after the title tonight.

Gomez will be outweighed and will find the powerful German one of the strongest men he has ever met but the muscular Mexican star's fans feel that he will be able to overcome these obstacles and hand the challenger a real surprise. Hermann doesn't believe that a small man can beat a big man under any circumstances.

Girls in Title Battle

World's girl champion June Byers faces the challenge of the world's most beautiful athlete when she goes in against Lee Chona LaClaire in their one-fall to a finish portion of the title parade.

Lee Chona, in addition to being rated as number one in the beauty spot, has also attained that rating in her efforts to garner the world girl's title and tonight's match should be hotly contested as the two girls, who are extremely jealous of each other, battle. The two top events will not be televised.

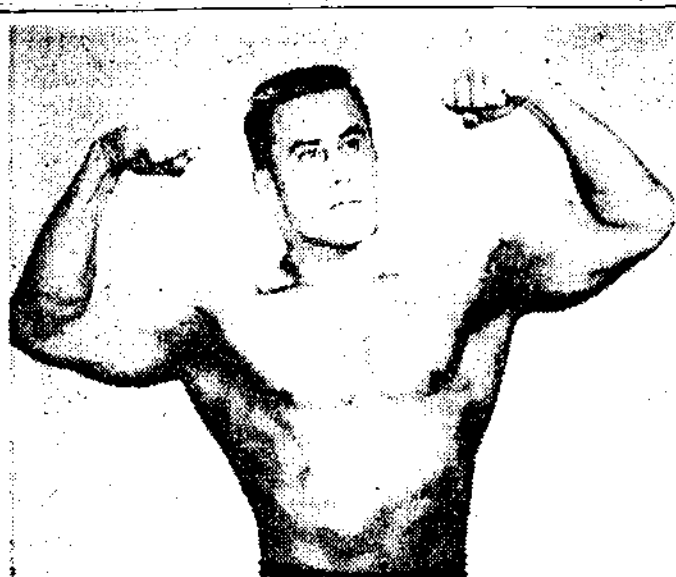
Texas state junior-heavyweight champion Doug Donovan faces the battle of his life when he steps in against the flying feet of Leaping Larry Chene in the 2 out of 3 fall scrap that puts Donovan's newly won belt on the block. Not only is Chene anxious to take the belt but he wants revenge for the bloody scrap the pair had several weeks ago and begged for the three-fall chance.

Texas tag team champions Ray Gunkel and Wilbur Snyder put their trophy on the line for a pair of tough challengers, Dynamite Danny Savich and Tiny Mills. The scrap, which could steal the show, is down for one fall to a finish.

Texas Negro champion Jimmy

Carter, a burly 250-pounder, puts his crown in jeopardy when he meets rough and ready Tex Grady, 235-pound Dallasite who has been going great guns in the Midwest. Opener goes in the ring at 8:30. Tickets are on sale at the City Auditorium box office all day. CA 7-5158.

NOVEMBER 11,
1955



CHAMPION PEPPER GOMEZ

Defends Texas title at Auditorium tonight.

NOVEMBER 18, 1955

Gomez to Face Doug Donovan

A battle that should be as rough as it is fast headlines promoter Morris Sigel's 6 match card at the City Auditorium on Friday night when Texas heavyweight champion Pepper Gomez makes an all-out effort to keep Texas junior heavyweight champion Bulldog Doug Donovan from acquiring both state titles.

Donovan, who took the junior heavyweight belt from Rito Romero and has claimed publicly that he never met a Mexican wrestler he didn't whip, has a long list of victories over Latin Americans besides Romero and includes Enrique Guzman, Enrique Torres and Cyclone Anaya among his victims.

Gomez, who has resented Donovan's pointed challenges, is anxious to face the durable Canadian and prove that he is his master. Last week Gomez whirled huge Hans Hermann into submission with a sensational airplane spin but will find that Donovan packs roughness and speed for every pound of his well-built frame.

Donovan, who pounded out a

straight fall win over Larry Chene to boost his stock here last week, believes that Gomez is over rated and the scrap should be a head-on clash that will see both men turning on the speed.

Girl wrestlers go into action in the special event when Miss June Byers defends her world's girl's title against the attack of newcomer China Mira, a Cuban girl who comes here with a great reputation and ranks among the top ten in many of the national polls.

Husky Rocky Columbo, one of the real favorites here last Spring, returns after a highly successful tour of Canada to tangle with Ray Gunkel in the semi-final.

Rito Romero, in top shape again after shaking off the effects of an auto crash and anxious to get back into action, meets young Wilbur Snyder in the top prelim.

Gino Nicolini, undefeated here to date and anxious to climb up higher on the card, goes in against Dynamite Danny Savich.

Gentleman Jim Dobie faces the slugging tactics of Colonel Stu Gibson in the opener. Tickets go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727.

Gomez Beats Donovan To Keep Title

Pepper Gomez retained his state wrestling championship by defeating Doug Donovan in a one-fall match, the latter being unable to return for the second fall due to a concussion.

The fall went 46 minutes and 11 seconds, Gomez winning with an airplane spin. When Gomez applied the spin, Donovan grabbed the top rope, and both grapplers went over the rope and onto the floor.

Gomez held onto the grip and spun Donovan around, the latter's head hitting the ring post and knocking him cold.

June Byers defeated China Mira to keep her world title.

Rocky Columbo lost to Ray Gunkel on a foul. Rito Romero and Wilbur Snyder traveled to a draw.

Danny Savich walloped Gino Nicolini, and Stu Gibson won over Jim Dobie in the other matches.

NOVEMBER 25,
1955

Gomez Resumes Feud With Duke

With the winner due to take all the money and the loser to ride a donkey from in front of the City Auditorium on Friday night down to the Rice Hotel and back, Pepper Gomez and Duke Keomuka are expected to go all out in their "no holds barred" battle.

The donkey will be named after the loser of the scrap and will be given to some lucky fan on the night of the match.

Gomez, hot under the collar at the fact that Keomuka has been bragging around town about beating him 2 straight falls in a judo jacket match recently, demanded the battle on a no holds barred basis.

Ticket sales started today for the all star card, the top two events will not be televised. Ducats are at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727. There will be no sale Thursday due to Thanksgiving.

Giants of the 270 pound class clash in the one fall to a finish semi final when lumberjack Tiny Mills tries to hoist the heft of Hans Hermann into defeat. The two super heavyweights are a natural that promise to steal the show.

Matchmaker Frank Burke has done a great job on the prelims and the pairings in the four supportings scraps promise plenty of action.

Wilbur Snyder, who gets more popular with each match, steps in against Bulldog Doug Donovan, whose fear of a concussion in last week's scrap with Gomez was eliminated when x-rays were negative.

Rito Romero tries his clever style against Madman Tony Morelli, the New York rough house artist.

Ray Gunkel risks his record here against Jack Laskin the capable Jewish star.

Duke Confident He'll Beat Gomez

If Duke Keomuka has his way at the City Auditorium on Friday night Pepper Gomez will become the first donkey jockey in wrestling history.

Keomuka believes that he will repeat the victory he won when they met last, a 2 straight fall win. That scrap was with both men wearing Judo jackets but Friday's fuss is straight American style with no holds barred and Gomez is expected to give a better account of himself.

Keomuka, after a 2 week lay off that has him in perfect shape to go at top speed, expects to carry the scrap to Gomez all the way and it should be a ding dong affair with both men conscious of the fact that the donkey will be standing outside the Auditorium waiting for the loser to ride him to the Rice Hotel.

Some lucky fan is due to take the donkey home after the ride and the animal will be named after the loser of the match.

Gomez Winner Over Keomuka

Ever-popular Pepper Gomez won the acclaim of the fans and Duke Keomuka took a ride on a donkey last night after the wrestling matches at the City Auditorium.

Pepper won their featured match in a bitter three-fall battle, and Keomuka lived up to the bargain by attempting to ride a donkey from the arena to Main Street and back, but a combination of heavy traffic and a jeering crowd of approximately 5000 caused the donkey to balk.

The match aroused the overflow crowd as few bouts have ever done in Houston and the popular favorite rewarded his backers with a victory over the hated Duke.

In the other matches last night Tiny Mills got the decision over Hans Hermann, Doug Donovan beat Wilbur Snyder, Rito Romero beat Tony Morelli, Ray Gunkel beat Jack Laskin and Larry Chene won over Paul DeGalle.

DECEMBER 20 1955

Gomez Battles Doug Donovan

A whale of a battle is expected when Bulldog Doug Donovan steps in against Texas heavyweight champion Pepper Gomez in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium, a resumption of one of the best matches of the year.

Donovan carried the battle to Gomez for 46 minutes in their last meeting two weeks ago before a fall was scored but the Bulldog claims that the victory Pepper achieved was strictly illegal. The muscular Mexican was whirling Donovan around in an airplane spin on the auditorium floor when he crashed him head on into the ring post and Doug was unable to return for the next fall.

A 10-man gang war breaks loose in the extra added attraction that promoter Morris Sigel is offering his fans. Ten of the nation's top ranking matmen go after a thousand dollars in prize money in a scrap that could be an all time show stealer. Four men from each side will be in the ring

legally at all times and three men on a side will have to be pinned before the prize money can be collected.

On one side the opposition tough and rugged with Duke Keomuka, Tiny Mills, Dynamite Danny Savich, Tony Borne and Colonel Stu Gibson lining up. In the opposite corner speed and popularity feature the grapplers with Larry Chene, Rito Romero, Rocky Columbo, Wilbur Snyder and Ray Gunkel banding together.

Matchmaker Frank Burke has paired the grapplers in five outstanding prelims to precede the 10-man explosion. Ray Gunkel faces Mills in one of the promising scraps; Keomuka goes in against young Wilbur Snyder; Romero faces Danny Savich; Gibson grapples the rugged New Yorker, Columbo, and Chene tries his high flying technique against the bearded Borne.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727.

Gomez Out To Tame Donovan

Pepper Gomez will be out to put a leash on Bulldog Doug Donovan when they tangle in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium, an all-out affair that provides two perfectly matched matmen with an opportunity to continue a scrap that was considered one of the best to be seen here in years.

Donovan failed to return for the second fall but the first one went for 46 furious minutes in their last out.

Gomez Risks Mat Title Against Donovan Tonight

Texas heavyweight champion Pepper Gomez faces the rugged challenge of Bulldog Doug Donovan in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Both men are trained to the limit to continue the pace they set the last time they met when they went 46 minutes for the first fall and fans voted the battle one of the best seen here in many years.

Gomez, at the height of his

popularity here after beating Duke Keomuka last week, may face a real upset at the hands of Donovan, rated as the real rough-house find of the year here. The Bulldog has shown an amazing ability to hand out punishment and to take it, too.

For the first time in any ring anywhere, a 10-man tag team battle will hold the spotlight in tonight's extra added attraction that makes it a 7-

match card. With five men on each side and the winners due to receive a \$1000 bonus from promoter Morris Sigel, four men will be in the ring legally at all times and three men on a side must be pinned in order to score a victory.

On one side matchmaker Frank Burke has lined up a quintet of the most popular grapplers to be found anywhere in the country. Ray Gunkel will lead Rocky Col-

lumbo, Larry Chene, Rito Roaction against the combined rough-house opposition of Duke Keomuka, Tiny Mills, Col. Stu Gibson, Tony Borne and Dynamite Danny Savich.

Before the 10 men go into the gigantic gang war, Keomuka is due to face Snyder in a featured fracas; Mills meets Gunkel; Columbo takes on the Kentucky Colonel; Borne battles the agile Chene and Savich scraps with Romero. First match goes in the ring at 8:30.

DECEMBER 2, 1955

Gomez to Go All Out Against Evans Tonight

Texas state champion Pepper Gomez makes an all-out effort to reverse one of the few losses on his record when he faces Dirty Don Evans in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Evans not only handed Gomez a loss last week but put Black Guzman, manager of the champion, in the hospital.

Evans, in rougher form than he has been at any time

in his career, expects to upset Pepper tonight and walk off with the belt but fans expect the young Mexican favorite to come into the ring fired for one of his greatest efforts in order to even the score.

Battling Bull Curry goes into the semifinal event against powerfully built Sammy Berg. Berg is after main-event recognition and a win over Curry.

Tag-team action takes over in the top prelim when the Texas tag champions, Kinji Shibuya and Due Keomuka risk their trophy against Ray Gunkel and Prince Malaya.

Irish Danny McShane sees action against Luigi Macera in the second scrap while the 8:30 opener sees Wild Bill Savage tackling Len Hughes of Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

Gomez Whips Doug Donovan

Pepper Gomez proved too much for Bulldog Doug Donovan last night at the City Auditorium and won their main event wrestling match in two straight falls.

Popular Pepper came with two new holds to win the two falls. He pinned Donovan first with a "giant swing" and then got him in the second with a rolling jack-knife.

Duke Keomuka was disqualified in his match with Wilbur Snyder but not until he had applied the stomach claw to both Snyder and Referee Otto Kuss.

In the 10-man tag battling Keomuka won a fall from Ray Gunkel and Larry Chene. In the other bouts in that feature Chene beat Tony Borne, Gunkel won over Tiny Mills by disqualification, Stu Gibson and Rocky Columbo went to a draw and Rito Romero beat Danny Savich.

Another huge crowd was on hand to see the battles, presented by Promoter Morris Sigel.

Gomez Retains State Mat Title

Pepper Gomez today still retained his state heavyweight wrestling crown.

The fiery Mexican grappler took two straight falls to turn back the bid by Bulldog Doug Donovan in the main event Friday at the City Auditorium.

Pepper came up with a couple of holds he hadn't used before and they turned the trick.

He won the first fall with a giant swing after 15:52 of furious battling. He tied Donovan up with a rolling jack-knife after 9:44 to win the match.

Duke Keomuka once again turned wildman as he lost to Wilbur Snyder on a disqualification. Duke unlimbered his claw hold on Snyder and then used it again on Referee Otto Kuss.

In the 10-man tag team match Keomuka beat Gunkel and again called on his claw hold to dispose of Larry Chene.

Rito Romero led his team to victory in downing Tony Borne and Tiny Mills.

In other results Ray Gunkel beat Mills, Col. Stu Gibson won over Rocky Columbo and Romero took Danny Savich.

DECEMBER 16, 1955

Promoters Sense Gomez' Victory

Pepper Gomez, who has parlayed wrestling's best looking set of muscles and a willingness to provide the fans with plenty of action into the position as the nation's No. 1 challenger to the title, can also become one of the richest men in sports if he defeats Louis Thesz in their battle at the air-conditioned Coliseum on Friday.

Promoters from all over the nation, sensing that Thesz is on the way out and that the spectacular



LOU THESZ

Defends title Friday.

Gomez will make the greatest champion the game has ever had, have already waved contracts under his nose that run over a hundred thousand dollars.

Joe Malcewicz, San Francisco promoter and veteran of many years on the mat, believes that Gomez will walk off with the crown. Joe was here when they met two weeks ago and has come back for this battle with an offer for the return in the coast city.

Also on hand is Joe "Toots" Mondt, New York City's impresario, who wants the Latin-American for Madison Square Garden.

Despite an unprecedented demand for the ducats and the possibility of a capacity crowd, there are still good seats available, CA 2-2727.

Gomez May Take Thesz's Crown

Pepper Gomez' versatility may play a big hand in making him the new champion of the world when he faces Louis Thesz in the main event at the Sam Houston Coliseum on Friday night.

At least that is the opinion of a swarm of experts from all over the country who have descended on Houston for Friday's mat card.

Frank Tunney, Toronto, Canada, promoter pointed out: "Pepper beat big men like Mills and Hermann with an airplane spin; he took Donovan into camp with a giant swing and he outlasted Keo-

muka in a vicious struggle in the past month. Even Thesz can't boast of a record like that."

Many other visiting promoters, who are cornering Gomez and his manager, Black Guzman, with talk of fantastic guarantees for the New Year, are of the same opinion and talk is high along wrestling row that Gomez will wear the crown during the coming year.

WRESTLING

HOUSTON COLISEUM ... FRIDAY, DEC. 16th ... 8:30 P.M.

TRIPLE WORLD TITLE CARD! THE GREATEST EVER!
THE MATCH YOU DEMANDED TO BE RETURNED!
NO TIME LIMIT!

LOUIS THESZ vs. PEPPER GOMEZ

WORLD CHAMPION

TEXAS CHAMPION

WORLD JR. HEAVY TITLE

ED FRANCIS

VS.

RITO ROMERO

WORLD'S GIRL'S TITLE

JUNE BYERS

VS.

BENNY BANNER

TICKETS ON SALE AUDITORIUM HOTEL DRUGSTORE

RESERVATIONS: CA 2-2727 ... PRICES: \$1.50; \$2.50;

\$3.00; \$4.00

HUGE RESERVED SECTION FOR COLORED FANS!

DECEMBER 16, 1955



PEPPER IS A FAMILY MAN—Here's Pepper Gomez, Texas' state wrestling king, shown with his two pretty daughters, Debbie (left) and Janet. Pepper gets

a crack at the world title Friday night when he tangles with Louis Thesz in the annual Goodfellows mat show at the Sam Houston Coliseum.

Gomez to Use Stomach Claw Hold On Champion Thesz Friday Night

Pepper Gomez intends to use the stomach claw and any other legal hold he can get on world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz when they tangle in the main event of Friday's triple world title card at the Sam Houston Coliseum.

The entire card is being staged for The Chronicle's Goodfellow Fund.

Gomez, who held Thesz to

a 90-minute draw the last time they met and came close to scoring the win in the waning minutes, insisted on no time limit in Friday's fuss and won his point.

The muscular Mexican youth became incensed at the way Thesz crawled to the ropes in their last scrap and made the decision to inject his knowledge of the claw into Friday's battle.

"This is my big chance,"

said Gomez. "The claw has never been declared illegal and I would be false in my obligation to my fans if I don't use it on Thesz if the opportunity presents itself."

Blacky Gusman, Pepper's manager, is in full accord with the decision and will be watching for the opening on he outside of the ring to call he turn.

DECEMBER 16, 1955

GOODFELLOWS CARD

Three World Titles At Stake Here Friday Night

Three world titles will be at stake at the Sam Houston Coliseum on Friday night when promoter Morris Sigel climaxes 40 years of wrestling promotion in the City of Houston with the greatest card of his career. The card will be dedicated to the Goodfellows Fund sponsored by The Chronicle, with a collection to be made for the Christmas fund during the show.

World's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz, faced with loss of recognition as champion by the Texas state commission if he failed to meet Texas titleholder Pepper Gomez before the year ran out, goes in against the muscular Mexican favorite in the final 2-out-of-3-fall bout of the night.

No Time Limit

There will be no time limit on the match. The last time the pair met in September Gomez had Thesz hanging on the ropes when the 90-minute time limit ran out and Friday's battle, without the threat of the watch ending it, promises to give Pepper an all-out chance.

Thesz will pocket at least \$15,000 for Friday's epic battle and may get more since he has a privilege of percentage of the gate. The champion also demanded, despite the objections of Sigel, that a return match be guaranteed him, not in Houston but in his home town of St. Louis.

In the other 2-out-of-3-fall fracas world's junior heavyweight champion Gentleman Edmond Francis faces the de-

termined challenge of Rito Romero, one of the game's great natural 200-pounders.

Romero will benefit from constantly working out with Gomez and expects to go into the ring a heavy favorite to win.

Byers Defends Title

World's girl champion June Byers faces a busy night in the one-fall-to-a-finish special attraction. The Houston-born titleholder meets the challenge of pretty Penny Banner in a battle that could steal the show.

Out-of-town ticket buyers can mail their orders to the Gulf A.C., 502 Milam Bldg., Houston, Texas. There is no

service charge and reserved seats are \$2.50; \$3.00 and \$4.00. Unreserved go at \$1.50 with a large reserved section for colored fans.

World's Negro champion Luther Lindsey makes his debut here on the big bill and the great all-round athlete who is built wide and chunky faces the rugged opposition of Bulldog Doug Donovan, who recently gave Gomez some tough opposition.

Two bouts round out the card and either of them could be main events here. Ray Gunkel is due to go in against Duke Keomuka and young Wilbur Snyder faces 270-pound Tiny Mills.

Thesz Assured Of Return Match

World's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz has received a definite guarantee from Pepper Gomez and his manager, Black Guzman, that they will give the titleholder a return try at the belt within 60 days if he is beaten Friday night at the air-conditioned Coliseum.

Thesz demanded that he be reassured on the return, but when he started insisting that it take place in his home town of St. Louis, Promoter Morris Sigel and Matchmaker Frank Burke stepped in to argue for Houston fans.

The time and place of the return was left open to negotiations by promoters, but with the assurance that he would not be bypassed, Thesz was mollified. The champion believes that the Coliseum is hexed as far as he is concerned, and remembers only too vividly that he lost the belt to Bronko Nagurski in the same building.

DECEMBER 16, 1955

Year's Biggest Mat Card

Thesz, Gomez In Title Bout

A triple world title bill, the last wrestling card of the year and the most sensational mat offering ever handed fans anywhere, will celebrate Promoter Morris Sigel's 40th year in the sport as a promoter here at the Sam Houston Coliseum on Friday night.

The world's heavyweight title goes on the block in the two-out-of-three-fall main event when Pepper Gomez, who came close to winning the title when he held the champion to a 90-minute draw last September, gets a no-time-limit crack at Louis Thesz.

Thesz, who flatly refused to face Gomez under any circumstances and was about to be deprived of his title by the Texas state athletic commission, will get \$15,000 in cash as a guarantee on the match and a privilege of percentage.

Return in St. Louis

Thesz will also get the assurance of a return try at the belt within 60 days if he loses and the return will be in his home town of St. Louis, not in Houston as Sigel tried to arrange.

Gomez, at the peak of his career and ready for the effort of his life, will go into the ring as an odds-on favorite to upset the aging and reluctant champion.

The world's junior heavyweight title will be at stake in the other 2 out of 3 fall match when Rito Romero makes an all out bid to take the belt away from Gentleman Edmond Francis. Romero, who has been working out constantly with Gomez for the past several months and is in the best shape of his life, will be solidly backed by fans as he makes his great bid. Francis, a blond roughster who held the Texas state title before whipping off weight and going into the junior heavy class, is touted as a possible

contender for the winner of the main event.

High winds will probably mess up fishin' some Saturday but things should shape up fairly well Sunday. And boatmen on Lake Houston are urged to go by the Crippled Children's Recreation Center Sunday and take some of the handicapped folks boat riding if weather permits.



LOU THESZ

Heads big program.

June Byers, world's girl champion, puts her belt on the line in the one fall to a finish special attraction when she tackles pretty Penny Banner, rated among the top four females in the grappling world and one of the prettiest.

Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727. Out of town fans can order by mail at the Gulf A. C., 502 Milam Bldg., Houston 2, Texas. Prices are \$1.50 for unreserved seats; \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00 for reserved.

Orders will be filled as soon as they arrive and check or money order must accompany the order. There is no service charge. A large reserved section has been put aside for colored fans.

Lindsey vs Donovan

World's Negro champion Luther Lindsey makes his first appearance here when he steps in against Bulldog Doug Donovan in the special added bout of the night. Lindsey, a boy who is built like a tank and moves like one, draws a tough assignment in Donovan, who recently gave Gomez a pair of tough battles.

Two other bouts round out the bill with Ray Gunkel facing Duke Keomuka and Tiny Mills taking on Wilbur Snyder.

Experts Predict Gomez Victory

Wrestling will start the year 1956 with a brand new champion.

That's the consensus of the mat experts who have begun arriving here for Friday's great battle at the Sam Houston Coliseum between Pepper Gomez and Louis Thesz. Their last meeting was a 90 minute draw but Pepper won a moral victory by having Thesz hanging on the ropes as the time ran out and many of the men now on hand saw that match too.

Fred Kohler of Chicago makes no bones about the fact that he believes Gomez will win. "Pepper has whipped a lot of top men since he held Thesz to a draw and that is proof that he is on the rise. I think Thesz has slipped since his last time here and I'll tell him so. I think Gomez has the greatest chance to win the title of any wrestler since Thesz got the belt."

Rito Romero can also come in for some of the big money that is being talked in conference with Black Guzman and the promoters if he up ends world's junior heavyweight champion Gentleman Edmond Francis in their 2 out of 3 fall scrap. Rito figures to have a better than even chance against the 200 pounder and a double upset would make mat history.

DECEMBER 16, 1955

No Time Limit Will Give Pepper Better Chance to Defeat Thesz

World's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz, battling with his back against the wall when he faces Pepper Gomez in Friday's main event at the Sam Houston Coliseum, may be forced into the greatest effort of his career.

"Thesz fought against the

idea of no time limit," said heavyweight crown away promoter Morris Sigel who celebrates 40 years in the mat game with the terrific triple main event card.

"He felt that the time limit was his best protection since no decisions could be given. But it's a no time limit bout and Pepper has a better chance than ever."

The last time the pair met they went to a 90-minute draw which sparked Sigel's insistence on no time limit.

Friday's fuss will give Thesz at least \$15,000 and perhaps more depending on whether he picks up his option to take a percentage at the gate.

In the other title tests on the bill Rito Romero will try to take the world's junior

from Gentleman Ed Francis in a three-fall scrap while June Byers risks her world's girl's title against pretty Penny Banner.

The show is being dedicated to The Chronicle's Good-fellow Fund.

Gomez Studies Use of Claw Hold on Thesz

Pepper Gomez is being urged by his fans to use the stomach claw on world's champion Louis Thesz if he

gets the opportunity in Friday's title match at the City Auditorium.

The muscular Texas champion is the only man ever to wrestle here besides Mr. Moto and Duke Keomuka, who have demonstrated an ability to apply the crippling grip. However, Pepper has said that he would only use it as a retaliatory weapon against the Japanese and did put Moto out of action with it.

Black Guzman, manager of

Gomez, has refused to come out with a flat yes or no on the question of whether he and Pepper would clamp the claw on the champion but friends have indicated that Blackie is so eager to take the title away from Thesz that he will order Gomez to go in and get it if he can.

Three Mat Titles On Line Tonight

The greatest single night of action ever offered wrestling fans anywhere in the world unfolds at the Sam Houston Coliseum tonight and the Houston Chronicle's Good-fellow's fund will be one of the big winners on the triple world title bill.

Promoter Morris Sigel, in celebration of 40 years in the sport, hands his fans three world title bouts on the same card, an unprecedented event even with Sigel who has maintained his position as dean of the nation's mat promoters by doing the unusual.

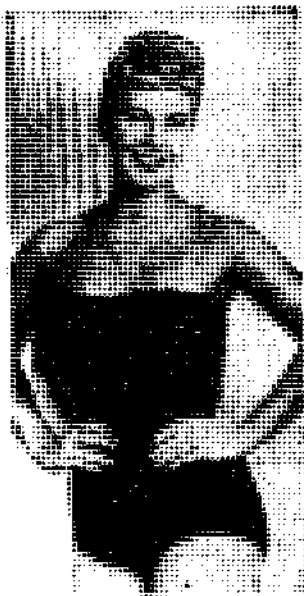
World's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz risks his diamond-studded belt against a man who gave him the greatest scare of his life by holding him to a 90-minute draw when they met in September, Pepper Gomez. There will be no time limit on tonight's tilt, a factor that weighs heavily in Pepper's favor.

The world's junior heavyweight champion, Gentleman Edmond Francis, also faces the possibility of meeting a challenger he will not be able to top when he takes on Rito Romero in a scrap that will also go over the 2 out of 3 fall limit. Romero has trained hard with Gomez, and is ready.

The world's girl's title goes on the block when champion June Byers, a Houston-born grapplerette, risks her title against the challenge of pretty Penny Banner, one of the most capable and best looking girls in the game today.

World's Negro champion Luther Lindsey, a great all-round athlete who is built like a Sherman tank, makes his bow when he battles Bulldog Doug Donovan in the special event.

Two bouts round out the bill with Duke Keomuka tangling with Ray Gunkel and Tiny Mills facing Wilbur Snyder. First match in the ring at 8:30.



PENNY BANNER
Wrestles Tonight

DECEMBER 16,
1955

Gomez Given Real Chance

Louis Thesz, who once lost his world's title in the Sam Houston Coliseum, will face a challenger who is given a good chance to make history repeat itself when he tackles Pepper Gomez in Friday's main event of the triple world title card at the Coliseum.

The last time the pair met they were still battling at the end of the 90 minute time limit, but Thesz was hanging on the ropes trying to gain a draw while the muscular youngster was raring to go and trying to keep the champion from crawling to safety.

"There's no time limit on Friday," explained promoter Morris Sigel, "and although Thesz fought against removing it I insisted. Thesz hid behind the time limit the last time in my estimation and I don't want him to do it again. With no time limit it may force him into an entirely different kind of scrap."

Thesz gets a guarantee of at least \$15,000 for Friday's title defense, the biggest sum ever paid any athlete for a single contest in the Southwest but he may also get more if he takes his privilege of a percentage of the gate. Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727.

DECEMBER 16, 1955

Thesz Keeps Title by Taking Pepper Gomez

Lou Thesz retained his world's heavyweight wrestling title Friday night in the City Auditorium by taking two out of three falls from challenger Pepper Gomez.

Thesz took the first fall in 13 minutes and 20 seconds with a flying body scissors. Gomez came back in the second and pinned Thesz with an airplane spin in 10:40. After a rapid exchange in the third fall, Thesz won the match with a body slam. He slammed Gomez to the canvas and Gomez was knocked cold for two minutes.

Ed Francis kept his junior heavyweight crown when Rito Romero hit one of the turnbuckles on the ropes with his left shoulder and dislocated it in the second fall. Romero was unable to continue the match. Romero won the first fall with a drop kick.

In the third title bout June Byers successfully defended her women's title by defeating Penny Banner with a flying tackle in nine minutes.

Luther Lindsey, world's Negro champion, used a drop kick to beat "Bulldog" Doug Donovan in 12 minutes and 14 seconds.

Duke Koomuka defeated Ray Gunkle in nine minutes and Wilbur Snyder beat Tiny Mills in 8:14 in the prelims.

Thesz Wins, Keeps Title

Lou Thesz, recognized in virtually every state as the world's heavyweight wrestling champion, retained that crown last night at the Sam Houston Coliseum before more than 10,000 fans.

The huge crowd turned out to see Thesz in the title defense against popular young Pepper Gomez, and to see three other recognized champions defend their laurels. Thesz retained the crown by winning two out of three falls.

Gentleman Edmond Francis retained the junior heavyweight championship in a two-fall victory over Rito Romero and June Byers, champion of the feminine ranks, beat Penny Banner to retain her laurels.

Luther Lindsey, the Negro champion, won a show-stealing scrap from Bulldog Donovan in another top-flight match, Duke Koomuka won over Ray Gunkle and Wilbur Snyder trimmed Tiny Mills.

DECEMBER 16, 1955



HELPING THE KIDS

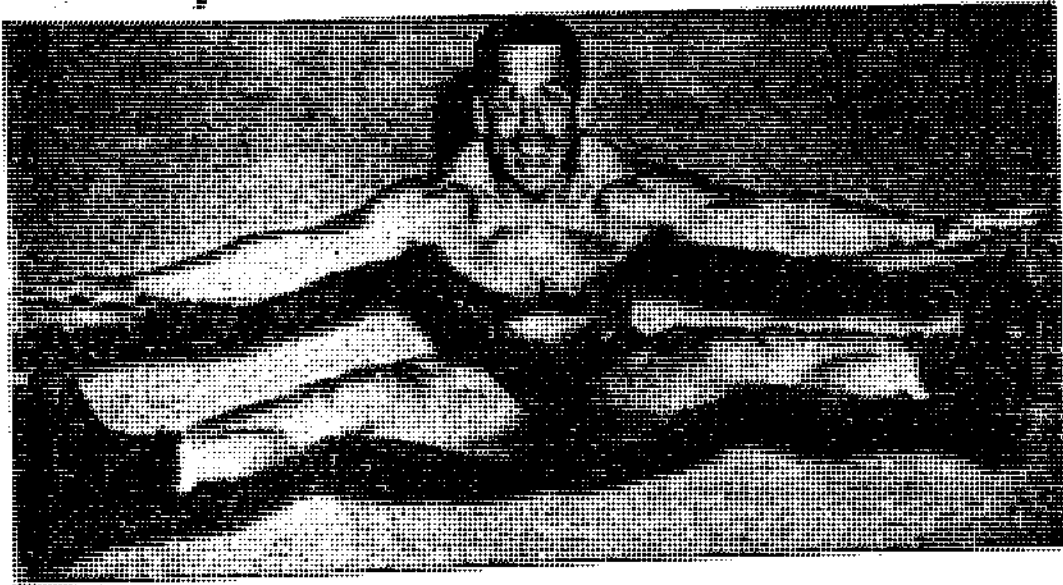
Wrestlers and firemen pitched in Friday night to take up a collection for The Chronicle Goodfellows at Sam Houston Coliseum. Shown here, left to right, are Whiskers Savage, Fire Chief Joe

Lobue and Pepper Gomez. Savage auctioned off his tow sack and Gomez joined city firemen to pass collection buckets. (Chronicle Photo by Tom Colburn)

DATE ?

SALEM

Gomez, Donovan, Bear Top Mat-Bee



The spectacular Pepper Gomez, who goes against "Dirty Doug" Donovan in tonight's mat feature at the Armory, shows how agile he can be. But Pepper doesn't recommend this for folks over 90 years old.

It's hard to say just who'll have the tougher opponent in tonight's double feature on the Armory mat.

Dynamic Pepper Gomez, the crew-cut from Californian who flattened Bull Montana in his first 1956 Salem appearance last week, takes on top tough guy "Dirty Doug" Donovan in the main event tonight. And the spectacular young aerialist will have his hands full. There's no doubt about it.

Then there is Texas Tommy Phelps, a courageous citizen who appears in the special attraction with "Trotsky," the 350-pound rasslin' bear which is said to be

the best of its species to come along in years.

So it's hard telling who will have the biggest job to do, Gomez or Phelps. The bruin is handled by Ben Sherman, himself an old villain in the mat game, and it would be just like Ben to have taught the bear all the meanie tricks in the book.

Gomez had a rouser with Montana last week, coming back to win it with a terrific back body drop after shaking off the effects of one of the Bull's crushing pile drivers. The riotous Doug's latest claim to local fame was his TKO of Larry Chene in their special

fistic battle two weeks ago. Last week the Donovan brothers won a tag team go here, against Herbie Freeman and Alvaro Velazco.

Brother Red Donovan goes against Velazco in tonight's opener, at 8:30 o'clock. Then the powerful Freeman, another top favorite here, takes on Henry (Golden Boy) Lenz, a conceited muscle man. These will be one-fallers.

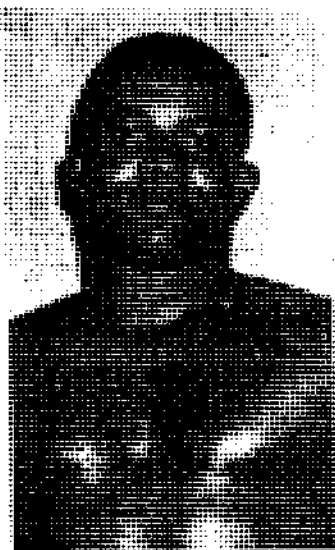
The Phelps-Bear special will be one fall to a finish, and the mainer 2-of-3. Regular prices will prevail for tickets and Armory doors open at 7:30.

WRESTLING

RETURNS TO ACTION!

1956
City Auditorium • Fri. Jan. 6

A SLAM-BANG YEAR OPENING BILL!



LUTHER LINDSEY

Duke Keomuka

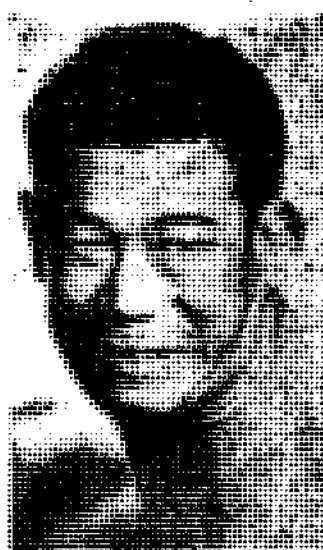
JAP JUDO ACE

VS

Luther Lindsey

WORLD'S NEGRO CHAMPION

Lindsey made a sensational debut here when he beat Doug Donovan on the big Coliseum card in December. But the night before he amazed Galveston fans by pounding out a bloody win over the Duke! Keomuka has begged for the chance to meet Lindsey again! THIS IS IT! Luther says he will do it again in a 2-out-of-3-fall match that goes to a finish!



DUKE KEOMUKA

A Sensational Semifinal of Main Event Proportions!



Irish Danny McSHANE

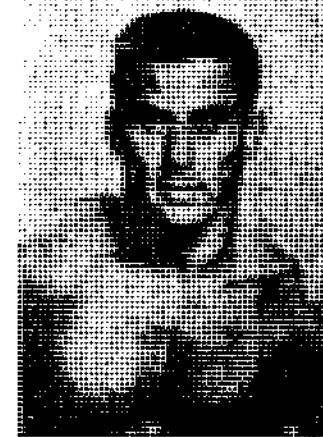
COLORFUL AND RUGGED

VS

PEPPER GOMEZ

TEXAS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

McShane makes his return after a long absence and asked for Gomez to prove that he thinks the Mexican favorite is "just a four-flusher who belongs behind a tamale cart." The Irishman is in great form and has been going at full speed around the country. This will be a real test for Gomez.



**TICKETS GO ON SALE
TUESDAY, JAN. 3**

**AUDITORIUM HOTEL DRUGSTORE
RESERVATIONS and INFORMATION**

CA 2-2727

PRICES: \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30, \$2.75

**LARGE RESERVED SECTION
FOR COLORED FANS**

**SIX MATCHES! THIS GREAT
SUPPORTING CARD! NEW
FACES AND OLD FAVORITES!
ACTION!**

Joe 'Killer' CHRISTY vs Manuel CORTEZ

Tough Canadian

Spanish Star

ROCKY COLUMBO vs 'SKULL' MURPHY

Rugged New Yorker

Bold Battler

Dr. Jerry GRAHAM vs Dirty Don EVANS

with his Swamp!

As Tough As Ever

ALVERO VELAZCO vs TONY BORNE

Mexican Star

King of the Alcan

A GREAT CARD! DON'T MISS IT!

OUT-OF-TOWN FANS!

You can send a check or money order to GULF A. C., 502 Milam Building, Houston 2, Texas. Mail orders will be filled promptly in order received, or phone CA 2-2388.

TO ALL FANS!

Promoter Morris Sigei and Matchmaker Frank Burke, take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and to promise you the greatest action you have ever had in any year during 1956 . . . starting with the first show on January 6.

McShane, Gomez Wrestle Tonight

Irish Danny McShane and Pepper Gomez tangle in the main event of promoter Morris Sigel's six-match card at the City Auditorium tonight, topping a bill that brings back many of the new stars who made hits last week.

The match will be on a no-disqualification basis at the insistence of Gomez who was handed an unpopular loss last week when he lost his temper and refused to heed a 5 count by referee Marvin Jones. The verdict touched off an extra-curricular battle that flowed into the aisles and then tore KTRK-TV equipment apart.

Both men were fined \$200 apiece by Sigel for last week's outburst and the Irishman is anxious to recoup quickly.

Black Guzman will be busy tonight. In the semifinal event he will handle the Italian star Luigi Macera in his debut here. Blackie has signed Macera to a contract and tonight pilots him against tough opposition in the form of Joe (Killer) Christy, the hard slugging Canadian.

Alvero Velazco, fast-moving Mexican star who made a hit

last week, faces another top-notch who was impressive in his debut, Skull Murphy, the hairless Hibernian who looks mighty rugged.

Manuel Cortez, clever Spanish boy who makes his home in Boston, makes his second start here when he meets Don Evans.

Dr. Jerry Graham, who was colorful and hard to handle last Friday, meets capable Ray Gunkel in the second scrap of the night.

Action gets under way at 8:30 when newcomer Len Hughes makes his start here against rough and rugged Bulldog Doug Donovan.



DANNY McSHANE
Meets Gomez

JANUARY 13,
1956

Gomez, McShane in Mat Main Event Friday Night

Pepper Gomez faces Irish Danny McShane in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night in an all-out effort to reverse a disqualification decision rendered against him last week. There will be no disqualifications called in Friday's fracas which will go two out of three falls to a finish.

PEPPER AND the veteran Irish grappler tore the equipment of KTRK-TV apart last week in an unprecedented brawl that followed the verdict by referee Marvin Jones. Gomez stormed to the TV booth to protest after police had pulled him and McShane apart and the Irishman followed. A wild battle developed.

Promoter Morris Sigel fined each man \$200 for his part in the affair and indicated that he might take more drastic steps if there was a recurrence.

Luigi Macera, speedy Italian grappler who has just signed with Miguel (Black) Guzman, makes his first appearance on the six-match card when he meets Joe (Killer) Christy in the semifinal. Macera comes here with a top reputation and fans expect his hitch with Guzman to help his career.

Alvero Velazco, who made a hit in his debut last week, returns to take on Skull Mur-



DANNY McSHANE
He Seeks Reversal

phy, who topped Rocky Columbo in his bow last Friday.

Dirty Don Evans meets another man who was impressive in his start here when he takes on Manuel Cortez.

RAY GUNKEL tests another man up for his second try here when he battles Jerry Graham.

Bulldog Doug Donovan steps in against a newcomer when he meets Len Hughes in the pace-setter.

JANUARY 13, 1956

McShane, Gomez Top Mat Slate

Irish Danny McShane, smarting under a \$200 fine slapped on him by promoter Morris Sigel for his part in the wild altercation with Pepper Gomez that tore television equipment apart, goes into the main event against the Texas state champion at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

A disqualification decision against Gomez last week when the pair met in a semifinal scrap touched off a wild brawl. Gomez stormed into the TV booth to make a public protest against the decision and McShane followed close behind.

In the ensuing scramble equipment was broken.

There will be no disqualifications in Friday's battle. The scrap will go for two out of three falls to a finish.

Luigi Macera, young Italian star, makes his debut in the semifinal. He faces Joe (Killer) Christy.

Mexico's Alvero Velazco, who looked great in his start against Tony Borne last week, takes on Skull Murphy.

Manuel Cortez, clever Span-



LUIGI MACERA
Makes Mat Debut

ish boy, takes on Dirty Don Evans.

Dr. Jerry Graham meets tough opposition when he goes in against Ray Gunkel.

Newcomer Len Hughes makes his initial effort here when he takes on Bulldog Doug Donovan.

Gomez Beats McShane In Wild Match

Pepper Gomez won over Danny McShane in a wild wrestling bout Friday night at the City Auditorium, taking the third and deciding fall among wild confusion.

In the deciding fall McShane brought Joe (Killer) Christy to the ring with him and Black Guzman, manager of Gomez, immediately sent for Luigi Macera to help Gomez.

Christy and Macera started battling in their street clothes as the capacity crowd cheered them on. During the melee Gomez pounced on McShane and covered for the fall.

McShane won the opening fall and Gomez the second.

Macera defeated Christy in the semifinal, winning with a reverse back drop.

Alvero Velazco and Skull Murphy traveled to a draw.

Don Evans was disqualified in the added attraction with Manuel Cortes.

Ray Gunkel and Dr. Jerry Graham drew and Len Hughes defeated Doug Donovan in the other preliminaries.

JANUARY 27, 1956

Gomez Beats Graham In Mat Finals

Pepper Gomez survived an 11-match tournament Friday at the City Auditorium, pocketed a \$5000 purse and earned the right to meet champion Louis Thesz.

Gomez won over Dr. Jerry Graham in the final bout of eliminations, using a drop kick to win the match.

The fans enjoyed a wild bout of action from the first bout until the finish, with Gomez a popular winner.

Graham won the first bout from Clyde Steeves and later came back to beat Manuel Cortez on a foul.

Japanese Kinji Shibuya pulled a surprise when he beat Ray Gunkel, using the stomach claw for the win.

Shibuya then went against Gomez, but was disqualified when Duke Keomuka came into the ring to aid the Jap.

The Duke went out in the first round when he was disqualified in a bout with Cortez.

Luigi Macera advanced to the semifinals with wins over Danny McShane and Don Evans, but lost to Graham.

Wrestling Popular As Usual

Wrestling promoter Morris Sigel proudly pointed to 1955 as one of the best years for the grappling sport on the books as the final show in the Coliseum drew one of the best houses of the year.

"Pepper Gomez was partly responsible for the fact that this year surged ahead of last year," said the veteran promoter. "Fans recognized his ability and firmly believe that he will be the next champion of the world."

Sigel pointed out that wrestling had not only strengthened its position at the box office but had more than maintained its popularity with hundreds of thousands of television fans over the Chronicle's KTRK-TV.

FEBRUARY 3, 1956

Gomez Risks Title Against Shibuya Friday

Pepper Gomez will have a lot at stake when he steps in against Kamikaze Kinji Shibuya in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium.

Gomez will risk his Texas state title in the three-fall match against the judo expert and he will also face the possibility of losing the right to meet world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz.

Shibuya claims that referee Otto Kuss overstepped his authority when he disqualified him out of the tournament last week.

Gomez, Shibuya Both Plan To Use Claw Hold Tonight

Pepper Gomez risks his Texas state heavyweight title against the toughest judo expert ever to come from Japan when he faces Kinji Shibuya in the main event of Promoter Morris Sigel's action-promising card at the City Auditorium Friday night.

The action gives every indication of being wild and furious as Gomez not only protects his belt but defends the right to meet World's Champion Louis Thesz which he won by coming out on top of last week's elimination tournament.

SHIBUYA PUT Ray Gunkel on the shelf for a couple of weeks when he clamped the stomach claw on him and he has vowed that he will do the same to Pepper. However, Pepper will be out to use the same vicious grip on the Oriental as early in the match as possible.

Prince Malava, the wild and

bushy-haired Samoan who captured the fancy of the fans when he was here a year ago, returns to step into the tag team semifinal with Luigi Macera as his partner. The popular pair take on the hard-slugging squad of Irish Danny McShane and Duke Keomuka over the one-fall-to-a-finish route. Coconut Willie will hit in Malava's corner.

Jerry Graham, who wrestled four times on last week's tournament card and went through to the finals, meets a tough challenge when he goes against capable Len Hughes.

Dirty Don Evans faces hard-hitting Clyde Steeves, who made a real hit with the fans in his one appearance here.

THE 8:30 PM pace setter puts Manuel Cortez against the rugged style of lumberjack Tiny Mills, the 270-pound Canadian. Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, Capitol-7-5158.

WRESTLING

CITY AUDITORIUM ... FRIDAY, FEB. 3 ... 8:30 P.M.
THE JAP SAYS HE WAS JOBBED OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT!
PEPPER PUTS HIS TITLE AT STAKE AGAINST
GUNKEL'S CONQUEROR!

KINJI vs PEPPER
SHIBUYA vs GOMEZ

THE WILD SAMOAN RETURNS! SENSATIONAL SEMI-FINAL
PRINCE MALAVA vs DUKE KEOMUKA

and vs and
LUIGI MACERA vs DANNY McSHANE

TICKETS ON SALE TUESDAY ... AUDITORIUM HOTEL
DRUGSTORE ... RESERVATIONS: CA 2-2727

PRICES: \$1.18, \$1.75, \$2.38, \$2.78
Morris P. Sigel, Promoter ... Reserved Section for Colored People

Gomez In Mat Win

Pepper Gomez remained Texas' heavyweight wrestling champion today, with his eyes set on winning the world crown.

A large crowd, despite the weather, saw Gomez defeat Kinji Shibuya in a wild and woolly match at the Auditorium Friday night to keep his title.

Shibuya took the first fall, putting Gomez to sleep after 12:06.

Pepper returned fighting mad. He applied the stomach claw—a hold that usually is used by the Japanese grapplers. It felled Kinji after 5:52 and it looked as if the show was over for Shibuya. But his partner in crime Duke Keomuka moved in to work out the effects of the claw and the match went on.

But as it was, all was in vain. Duke tried to help his pal and caused a disqualification, with Pepper winning.

Irish Danny McShane used the atomic drop to beat Rocky Colombo in the tag team semifinal.

Len Hughes and Dr. Jerry Graham battled to a draw.

Dirty Don Evans beat Clyde Steeves in another battle-royal.

In the opener Manuel Cortez pinned Tiny Mills with a body slam.

FEBRUARY 24, 1956

Thesz to Carry Attack To Gomez Here Friday

Louis Thesz will come out of his shell and go on the attack as soon as the bell rings for his title defense against Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Thesz has divulged his battle plans to one of his close associates here and the change in tactics should lead

"now that he is on his own he expects to go all out to show that he is the world's greatest wrestler."

Black Guzman, manager of Gomez, was elated to hear of Thesz's plans.

"Pepper is in perfect shape and if Thesz comes at us he will soon lose that title," Guzman said.

Thesz Expected To Charge Pepper

Reservations for Friday's world title clash between Pepper Gomez and Louis Thesz have come in from as far away as 100 miles from Houston. Promoter Morris Sigel has revealed.

"Many fans are taking advantage of this world's title match and the Fat Stock Show to make the visit to Houston a memorable one," said the veteran promoter, "and now I hope they will see a new champion crowned to make it even more memorable."

Pepper Gomez is in top shape for the scrap, according to his manager, Black Guzman, and sources close to Thesz have revealed that the champion threatens to change his whole battle plan and come out on the attack right from the opening bell.

Thesz May Miss Lewis

World's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz, wrestling without the help of his long time manager, Ed "Strangler" Lewis, may find himself up against a combination that will be mighty hard to handle when he meets Pepper Gomez in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium.

Gomez will be backed by Black Guzman and the pair have gone on to some tremendous successes since they hooked up last summer. Blackie's vast experience, both in the ring and as a pilot, promise to provide the balance of power in Friday's fracas that Thesz may find too heavy.

Thesz has denied that his manager was the chief reason for his success and believes that he will do better now that he is on his own. The veteran Lewis, five times world's champion himself, is rated as the most astute handler in the game.

Thesz Denies Break With Lewis Damaging

Louis Thesz has vigorously denied that his recent break with his manager, Ed (Strangler) Lewis, will affect his ability to keep Pepper Gomez, or anyone else, from taking the world's heavyweight title away from him.

"Lewis is a fine man and he was a good manager," said Lou, "but I believe he reached the point where he had done me all the good possible and I wanted to be on my own. Just remember that the same man is doing the wrestling, with or without a manager."

Thesz faces Gomez in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium. The last time they met, in the Coliseum in December, they drew better than 10,000 fans and Lewis was very evident in Lou's corner.

Black Guzman, manager of Gomez, still insists that without Lewis, Thesz will just be a top grappler but not a champion.

Guzman Figures To Help Pepper In Title Match

Pepper Gomez will have the edge on world's champion Louis Thesz in one department when they face each other in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night and that one factor could be enough to make him champion of the world.

Gomez will have Black Guzman, who has established himself as one of the most astute mat managers in the game within a short time, to call the signals from the outside.

Thesz recently broke with his long-time pilot, Ed (Strangler) Lewis and will be on his own on Friday. Many experts credit the veteran Lewis for much of the success Thesz has had in recent years and feel that the break will be a bad one for Thesz.

FEBRUARY 24, 1956



PEPPER GOMEZ
Gets Big Chance

Fans Expect Gomez To Upset Thesz Tonight

World's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz faces one of the toughest battles of his career when he meets a perfectly conditioned Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Thesz, wrestling without his manager Ed "Strangler" Lewis, has threatened to come out of the corner and go on the attack in direct contrast to the corner hugging style he often used when Lewis was his handler.

Tonight's tilt is in the City Auditorium only because the Coliseum is occupied by the Fat Stock Show but it is a match of major proportions.

Fans look for Pepper to

come out on top of the battle and the popular Mexican star is determined not to let his friends down.

A semifinal that could steal the show takes over the one-fall spot when bushy-haired Prince Maiava steps in against the Yankee blockbuster Bull Curry.

Duke Keomuka takes on a tough assignment when he meets New York's Len Hughes in the top prelim.

Navy Cross winner Johnny Bence makes a bid for better recognition here when he goes in against Irish Danny McShane.

The 8:30 pace setter puts a promising newcomer, Sammy Berg, against Joe (Killer) Christy.

Busy Night Looms For Lou Thesz

corner but with Guzman holding down the opposite side of the ring and spotting trouble for Pepper the balance of the scale should swing more in Pepper's favor.

World's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz will have the busiest night he has ever had in any ring when he faces Texas champion Pepper Gomez in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium.

That's the consensus of Houston fans and experts from all over the country who are arriving here for the big battle.

Gomez, backed by the expert advice and guidance of his manager Black Guzman, is expected to provide more muscle and speed than the titleholder has ever found in one man before.

Prior to Friday's bout Thesz has always had a distinct advantage in having Ed "Strangler" Lewis in his

FEBRUARY 24, 1956

Thesz Wins Over Gomez

Pepper Gomez made a valiant effort to take the heavyweight title away from Louis Thesz before a turnaway crowd at the City Auditorium Friday night, and although the breaks went against him in the third fall, he made more fans in defeat than he ever has in his long string of wins here.

Almost 500 pounds fell on top of Gomez in the early minutes of the third fall when he tried to whirl Thesz around the ring in an airplane spin. Lou's legs hit Referee Marvin Jones and the trio went hurtling over the top rope to hit the floor with a sickening crash and it was Pepper who was underneath.

NO ONE IN THE HUGE crowd would have blamed Gomez if he had quit immediately since his arm hung helpless at his side. But the game Mexican came back to battle Thesz with one arm for a full six minutes before he finally was forced to quit.

Thesz had taken the first fall with a dropkick in 15:41.

The pace continued in the second fall and the fans hung on every move and finally erupted into an ovation when he equalized the falls in 11:38 with an airplane spin. Action in the final fall totaled 8:12.

In the semifinal Prince Maiava and Bull Curry battled like a pair of strange bulldogs in, out and under the ring.

CURRY GRABBED baskets from vendors and used them on Maiava's head, chased the Samoan's manager, Coconut Willie so much that the wily pilot went into the balcony to send his tom tom messages to the Prince. Finally, the matah got completely out of control and Referee Otto Kuss disqualified both.

In other matches Duke Keomuka beat Len Hughes in 9:38 with a judo chop; Danny McShane whipped Johnny Bence with an atomic drop in 11:04, while newcomer Sammy Berg made a hit in going to a 15-minute draw with Joe Christy.

Pepper Gomez Loses Tough One to Thesz

Pepper Gomez, the game Mexican grappler, almost made it in his bid for the world heavyweight title long held by Lou Thesz, but he lost on a tough break before a turnaway crowd in the City Auditorium Friday night.

It came in the third fall. Gomez had evened the count in the second with his favored airplane spin.

He had Thesz going with the same hold in the third, when Thesz's flying legs hit referee Marvin Jones, and the three tumbled out of the ring, with Gomez on the bottom.

Pepper, his right arm dangling, returned to the ring and lasted six minutes before taking the count. Thesz won the opening fall with a dropkick in 15:14.

In the semifinal match, which was staged in and out of the ring and extended into the balcony, both Prince Maiava and Bull Curry were disqualified by referee Otto Kuss.

In other matches, Duke Keomuka beat Len Hughes, Danny McShane disposed of Johnny Bence, and Sammy Berg and Joe Christy wrestled to a draw.

MARCH 9, 1956



BILL SAVAGE
Makes Debut Here

Gomez and Curry Go Against Japs

Pepper Gomez will team with Brass Knucks champion Bull Curry at the City Auditorium on Friday night when they make an allout effort to "Beat the Japs" and take the Texas tag team title away from Duke Keomuka and Kinji Shibuya.

The pairing was the result of the demands of the fans who want to see the Japanese team beaten at any cost and believe that Gomez's wrestling ability will be backed by the punching of the Bull to form a hard-hitting combination.

A 400-pound black bear named Tarzan will be featured in the one-fall-to-a-finish extra added attraction against Joe (Killer) Christy.

Prince Maiava, the wild Samoan, matches his unique tricks against Irish Danny McShane.

In the prelims Dirty Don

Evans tries his rough tactics against Ray Gunkel.

Sammy Berg, who is making a real hit here, steps in against Skull Murphy.

Newcomer Wild Bill Savage, who comes here with a top reputation, makes his bow against Alvero Velazco who chalked up a win last week.

Japs Defeat Curry, Gomez To Retain Title

Duke Keomuka and Kinji Shibuya teamed up on Bull Curry after Pepper Gomez had been put out of action to retain their Texas tag team title in the main event of Friday night's wrestling card at the City Auditorium.

With the crowd cheering him on, Curry pinned Shibuya in 6:07 of the first fall. But the Japs evened things up in the second fall when Gomez missed a dropkick and was pinned by Keomuka in 6:54.

The Jap tag team succeeded in blinding Gomez in the third fall. Curry battled away against both Kinji and the Duke but finally was overwhelmed in 8:14.

Joe (Killer) Christy and Tarzan the Bear battled to a 15-minute draw in the simifinal.

Dirty Don Evans and Ray Gunkel also battled to a draw in another action-filled 15-minute bout.

Irish Danny McShane was disqualified for refusal to break in his match with Prince Maiava.

Sammy Berg defeated Skull Murphy in 11:42 of another preliminary.

Wild Bill Savage took the measure of Alvero Velazco in the opener.

MARCH 23, 1956

Gomez to Go All Out Against Evans Tonight

Texas state champion Pepper Gomez makes an all-out effort to reverse one of the few losses on his record when he faces Dirty Don Evans in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Evans not only handed Gomez a loss last week but put Black Guzman, manager of the champion, in the hospital.

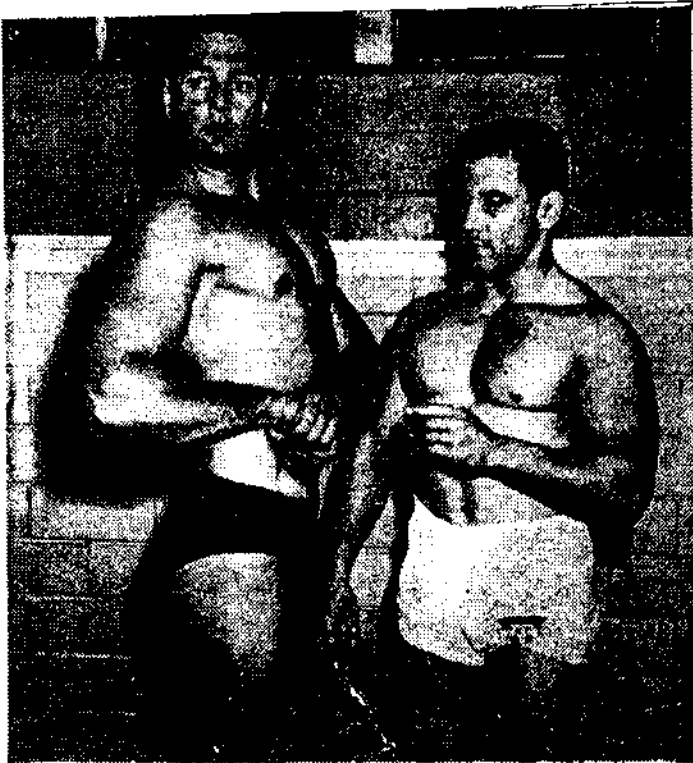
Evans, in rougher form than he has been at any time

in his career, expects to upset Pepper tonight and walk off with the belt but fans expect the young Mexican favorite to come into the ring fired for one of his greatest efforts in order to even the score.

Battling Bull Curry goes into the semifinal event against powerfully built Sammy Berg. Berg is after main-event recognition and a win over Curry.

Tag-team action takes over in the top prelim when the Texas tag champions, Kinji Shibuya and Due Keomuka risk their trophy against Ray Gunkel and Prince Maiava.

Irish Danny McShane sees action against Luigi Macera in the second scrap while the 8:30 opener sees Wild Bill Savage tackling Len Hughes of Mt. Kisco, N.Y.



MUSCLE MEN—Lt. Read Morgan, left, went to an expert for advice on how to win the "Mr. San Antonio" Saturday night. MCA-Giving other than

MARCH 30, 1956

Gomez, Gunkel In Title Bout

Pepper Gomez puts his Texas state title on the line against Ray Gunkel in one of two main events at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Gunkel will not only be gunning for Pepper's diamond-studded belt but could win a shot at the new heavy-weight champion of the mat world, Whipper Watson.

Watson is signed to appear here in the near future and Promoter Morris Sigel may select the opponent for Watson from the four men in Friday's top matches.

Battling Bull Curry and Irish Danny McShane will contest for the ownership of the Brass Knucks trophy in the other two-out-of-three-fall main event and the scrap gives every indication of being as wild and ruthless as the Gomez-Gunkel bout will be scientific.

Curry and the hard-hitting Irishman have met twice here, both battles winding up in bloody excitement and the score is one apiece.

Curry demanded the rubber match saying he would leave Texas if he failed to beat McShane and Danny, to prove he is as tough as the Bull, demanded that the bout be on a "loser leaves town" basis.

In the semifinal, Dirty Don Evans faces Prince Maiava.

Cyclone Anaya returns to take on Joe "Killer" Christy.

Larrupin Lou Plummer, rugged veteran, comes back after a long absence to meet Alvero Velazco.

Wild Bill Savage, who has chalked up a win streak here, faces Clyde Steeves.



MAT HEADLINERS—Ray Gunkel, top, and Pepper Gomez will clash in the top match on next Friday's wrestling card at the City Auditorium.

APRIL 6, 1956

Gomez to Meet Curry Tonight

Pepper Gomez defends his Texas state title against Bull Curry in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight and the winner gets a crack at the new heavyweight champion of the world, Whipper Watson.

The rich reward to the winner is expected to spur some of the wildest action of the year and both men have insisted that the match not be stopped under any circumstances.

The Bull also has threatened that he will have Dirty Don Evans in his corner to prevent the efforts of Black Guzman, manager of Gomez, to hypnotize him. Curry is the

first man ever to claim that Blackie has been using hypnotism in the corner.

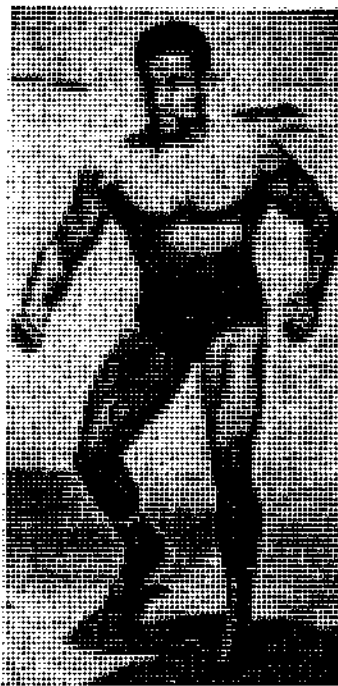
The semifinal is a show-stealer with Kinji Shibuya, Oriental judo ace, trying to get even with Prince Maiava for helping take the Texas tag team title away from him 2 weeks ago.

Cyclone Anaya faces a tough test against Dirty Don Evans in the added attraction.

Joe "Killer" Christy prepares a rude welcome back for Ray "Thunder" Stern who has been gone almost 2 years.

Luigi Macera tries George Drake, former paratrooper.

Len Hughes, tests Sammy Berg in the opener at 8:30.



PEPPER GOMEZ
Wants Title Shot

Gomez Wins Over Curry

Pepper Gomez won the right to meet the new world's heavyweight wrestling champion, Whipper Watson, when he won a straight fall victory over Bull Curry Friday night in City Auditorium.

Curry was disqualified in the first fall when he ripped the time keeper's bell loose and brought it down on Pepper's head. In the second fall Gomez pulled Curry in from outside the ropes and slammed him to the mat from an airplane spin to end the match.

Prince Maiava won over Kinji Shibuya with a head butt in another rough bout.

Dirty Don Evans was disqualified in the first minute of his match with Cyclone Anaya. The bout was stopped as Evens was blinding the Mexican mat star.

Evans and Maiava then engaged in an extra-curricula battle until they were pulled apart.

Luigi Macera and George Drake wrestled to a 15-minute draw. Joe (Killer) Christy was disqualified in his match against Thunder Stern and Sammy Berg defeated Len Hughes in the opener.

APRIL 13, 1956

TITLE MATCH HERE FRIDAY

Whipper Watson To Face Pepper Gomez

Whipper Watson, the new world heavyweight wrestling champion, defends his title and belt against the challenge of Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Gomez, whose gruelling battle with Louis Thesz in February is credited with making Watson's victory possible, is now holds number three rating in the mat game, right behind Thesz.

Watson, who has a reputation for action, agreed to meet Gomez in order to prove to the fans that he is a real fighting champion and Friday's battle gives every indication of being one of the best title clashes ever seen here.

Promoter Morris Sigel advised fans to get their seats in advance because of the limited size of the Auditorium and the tremendous interest in the important clash.

A top-notch card of prelims backs up the title bout. Ray Gunkel, who was eliminated by Gomez in an effort to get the Watson scrap faces Dirty Don Evans, whose roughhouse tactics last week still have

fans talking. Battling Bill Curry, who was also eliminated by Pepper on the way to the title scrap, hopes to bounce back when he meets capable Ray (Thunder) Stern.

Ramon Torres, Mexican star, meets Joe (Killer) Christy.

Action gets under way when Jack (The Neck) Vansky returns after a long absence to meet Luigi Macera.



WHIPPER WATSON
World's Mat Champion

APRIL 13, 1956



CHAMPION AND HIS FAMILY—Whipper Watson, newly crowned heavyweight wrestling champion of the world, is shown with his youngsters and the family pet. Left to right, John, Phillip,

Whipper and Georgia. Watson risks his title Friday night at the City Auditorium against Pepper Gomez.

APRIL 13, 1956

Gomez Ready For Mat Title Bid

Pepper Gomez, who has never looked better in his career than he did last week in winning over Bull Curry in two straight falls, intends to maintain the same pace against Whipper Watson when he faces the newly crowned champion of the mat world at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Pepper's manager, Black Guzman, has handled Gomez with the sharpness of a real veteran since the scrap was signed and both men believe that Pepper is in greater shape

than he has ever been in his career.

Watson, due to hit town this afternoon, knows he is in for a pitched battle with Gomez whose fiery spirit wore down Louis Thesz and made it possible for the Whipper to take the title in Toronto a couple of weeks later.

However, Watson, out to gain a reputation as a fighting champion, refused to sidestep Gomez and insisted on taking the best man Texas had to offer to prove his right to the crown.

Mat Crown On Line Tonight

One of the best world title matches seen in the long history of Houston wrestling may develop at the City Auditorium tonight when the new champion, Whipper Billy Watson, defends his belt against the challenge of Pepper Gomez, champion of Texas.

Watson, out to prove himself a real fighting champion, agreed to meet the best man in the state on his first trip here in order to prove himself.

Gomez, in the best shape of his career, expects to carry the match to Watson all the way despite the fact that he knows the Whipper's style, unlike that of former champion Louis Thesz, is to keep coming in and not back away.

Pepper is credited with having taken much of the starch out of Thesz when they met here late in February just prior to his clash with Watson in Toronto.

In the semifinal, Ray Gunkel, who was eliminated from the title scrap by Gomez two weeks ago, faces the fists and feet of Dirty Don Evans who caused an uproar last week.

Bull Curry, who also was blasted out of the chance at Watson by Gomez in two straight falls, meets a youngster who looked great in his return to action last week, Ray (Thunder) Stern.

Ramon Torres, young Mexican star who is tagged as the Panther of Sonora, makes his bow against Joe (Killer) Christy.

Jack (The Neck) Vansky returns to action to take on Luigi Mecera in the 8:30 opener.

MAY 4, 1956

Gomez And Evans Take Mat Bouts

Pepper Gomez defended his state crown and Dirty Don Evans upset Ramon Torres in the feature wrestling bouts Friday night at the City Auditorium.

Gomez won two straight falls from Hindu Nanjo Singh in retaining his title.

Evans took the first fall from Torres with back-breakers and Torres evened the count with a knee lift in the second fall.

Evans was knocked from the ring in the final fall and came back into the ring with a sprained wrist. As Referee Marvin Jones made an examination Torres rushed in only to run into right-hand blow that felled him and gave Evans the win.

Ray Gunkel won over Bulldog Pleches when the latter's partner, Iron Mike, interfered.

Iron Mike fared better in his match with Sammy Berg, winning in 9:42.

Danno McDonald and Luigi Macera battled to a draw and Joe (Killer) Christy won over George Drake in the other matches.

MAY 11, 1956

\$10,000 Mat Purse Pits Science vs Rulebreakers

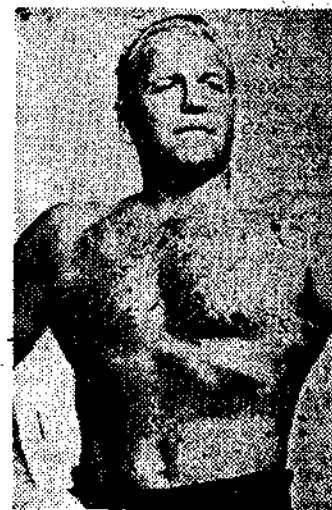
More than \$10,000 will be at stake at the City Auditorium Friday night when Promoter Morris Sigel's seven match card winds up with a 12-man tag match.

Sigel, who has probably been responsible for more crowd pleasing innovations in grappling than any other promoter in the world, seized on an argument between Black Guzman and Dirty Don Evans to come up with what promises to be a sensational idea. Evans contended that all scientific wrestlers were fools and Guzman maintained that a given number of men who stuck to the rules could come out on top of a majority of men who didn't.

FRIDAY'S CARD will start off with six matches, each one fall to a finish. In these bouts one of Guzman's squad will face a man whom Evans has selected. Each fall scored will mean a point for the team and there must be a winner in every match.

When the singles scraps have been completed the 12 men return for a mat war with three out of five falls to determine the winner. For each fall scored in the tag battle a point goes to the team with these points added to those gained in the individual scraps.

At the end of the night the team with the most points will



DIRTY DON EVANS
He Made a Challenge

walk off with the biggest winner take all purse in the history of the game. Here's how the loot piled up. Sigel added \$1,500 to the \$500 entry fee paid by each man, making a total of \$7,500. To this a percentage of the house will be added, soaring the amount to well over \$10,000.

Guzman's boys face a tough night against some of the wildest roungecks in the mat game. The starting lineup goes like this: Luigi Macera, one of Guzman's choices faces the captain of the opposing team, Evans; Pepper Gomez meets Iron Mike; Ramon Torres faces Joe "Killer" Christy; Cyclone Anaya goes against Bull Curry; Cowboy Carlson faces Duke Keomuka and another of Guzman's choices, Danno McDonald, meets Bulldog Pleches.

TICKETS FOR Friday's bill go on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore Tuesday morning with no increase in prices. Tickets will be sold at \$1.10; \$1.75; \$2.30; \$2.75. For reservations call CA-2-2727.

MAY 18, 1956

FRIDAY NIGHT
AT THE COLISEUM THE WORLD'S
HEAVYWEIGHT WRESTLING
CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE AT
STAKE IN A MATCH UNDER
THE MORRIS SIGEL PRO-
MOTIONAL BANNER!!

**"WHIPPER"
BILLY
WATSON**
CHAMPION

THESEZ HAS PUT
UP \$15,000 TO
GUARANTEE THE
WHIPPER A RE-
TURN CHANCE
IN 90 DAYS IF
WATSON LOSES

**LOUIS
THESEZ**
CHALLENGER

WATSON WRESTED THE TITLE FROM
THESEZ IN A TORONTO ONE-FALLER,
BUT HOUSTON'S TITLE FRAY IS FOR
THE BEST TWO OUT OF THREE!

IT WILL BE AN EVEN MATCH!
BOTH MEN WEIGH IN AT
ABOUT 225 POUNDS
AND BOTH ARE AERIALISTS!
WATSON'S WHIP ARMLOCK
SENDS Foes FLYING
OVER HIS HEAD, WHILE
THESEZ' SPECIALTY IS
THE AIRPLANE SPIN!!

R. MARKS

Thesz Will Alter Style

Lou Thesz will reveal an entirely different mat style to Houston fans when he steps into the ring against world's heavyweight champion Whipper Watson in the final event of Friday's 40th anniversary card at the Coliseum.

Lou, who has been appearing here in defense of his title for the past eight years and will be in the role of challenger Friday, will go all out to take the belt away from the Canadian.

This will be a complete reversal of Lou's matches as the champion when he often holed up on the defense in order to protect his crown. A draw will not benefit Thesz Friday and he will be out to upset the Whipper early.

Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727. Tickets are priced at \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00.

JULY 27, 1956

WRESTLING

Air Conditioned Coliseum . . . Friday, July 27 . . . 8:30 P.M.

THE MATCH YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!
PEPPER RETURNS READY FOR HIS GREATEST BATTLE!
For the Texas State Title

BUDDY ROGERS vs PEPPER GOMEZ

THESE TWO MATCHES WILL POSITIVELY NOT BE TELEVISED!

FOUR WILDCATS BEHIND A BARBED WIRE FENCE!

The Bulldog vs Duke Keomuka

and

vs

and

Iron Mike

Tony (TNT) Martin

Tickets on Sale MONDAY Morning Auditorium Hotel Drug Store
Reservations: CA 2-2727 . . . Prices: \$1.20, \$1.85, \$2.50, \$3.00
Morris Sigel, Promoter—Huge Reserved Section for Colored Fans

Gomez Set For Rogers

Pepper Gomez has put the finishing touches on his training for his scrap with Texas State Heavyweight Champion Buddy Rogers at the air-conditioned Coliseum Friday night and announced that he is ready for anything that Rogers may pull to try to hold onto his crown.

"I NEVER FELT better in my life," said Pepper, "and the way the fans have gotten behind me to get this match for me I will never let them down."

Pepper has announced that he will be able to block Buddy's vicious octopus clamp and figures to carry the match to him with a brand new hold that should win the title for him. Rogers is certain to be faced with the hottest whirlwind attack he has ever met here when Gomez gets going and fans look for it to develop into a terrific battle.

RIVALING the main event in action with the fans is the added attraction that will give fans the chance to see a quartet of wildcats in the ring inside a barbed wire fence. Duke Keomuka and Tony (TNT) Martin are due to see action against The Bulldog and Iron Mike locked within the corral.

Tickets are still available at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CAplitol-2-2727.

Gomez Seeks Rogers' Mat Title in Coliseum

Texas State Heavyweight Champion Buddy Rogers defends his title and the diamond studded belt against Pepper Gomez in the main event at the air conditioned Coliseum Friday night and the battle promises to be one of the greatest in the state's wrestling history.

Gomez comes back to action in his first match here since June 1. On that night he lost his title to Rogers when the big blond roughster injured his ankle by hanging onto a leg hold after Pepper had conceded a fall.

THE ANKLE TOOK close to a month to heal but since that time Gomez has been rounding into top notch condition. Rogers sidestepped the match repeatedly but a deluge of mail to Promoter Morris Sigel made him appeal to NWA President Sam Muchnick and State Commissioner M. B. Morgan to force Rogers to meet Gomez again.

Black Guzman, manager of Gomez, is certain that his boy will teach Rogers a lesson. The last meeting between the pair was witnessed by thousands of viewers on TV. This week's battle will not be seen on television.

Tickets for the card go on sale Monday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727. Ducats are priced at \$1.20, \$1.85, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Out-of-town customers can order tickets with a check or money order to Gulf A. C., 502 Milam Bldg, Houston. There is no service or mail charge and orders will be handled as soon as they are received.

A crowd of close to 10,000 fans from all over the state is



PEPPER GOMEZ
Ankle OK Now

expected.

An added attraction has been added to the bill. Four of the wildest men in the ring today will step inside a ring that will be enclosed by a 6-foot fence topped by strands of barbed wire making forays into the crowd impossible and guaranteeing head-on clash. Duke Keomuka and Tony (TNT) Martin team in the four-way fuss to face Iron Mike and the Bulldog.

The quartet met two weeks ago and wound up in a riotous melee behind the ringside seats that took a squad of police to bring under control.

BAMON TORRES will try to spoil the impression scored by Giant Gene Kelly when he meets the 270-pounder in the semi-final.

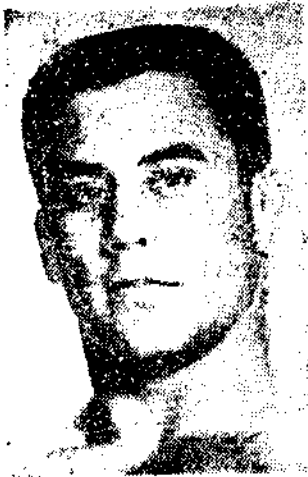
Capable Young Jerry Woods will make his debut in tough circumstances when he faces Jarring John Valentine.

Clever young Al Kashy will try his speed against the rough tactics of Irish Danny MoShane in the second scrap.

Leaping Larry Chene and Chico Casasola, a pair of well-matched fireballs, get the action underway.



BUDDY ROGERS
Texas Wrestling Champ



PEPPER GOMEZ
Tries to Regain Title

JULY 27, 1956

Fans Get Wish—Rogers Wrestles Gomez Friday

Pepper Gomez, in the greatest shape of his career, gets a chance to take the Texas state heavyweight title away from the man who beat him for the crown when he faced Buddy Rogers in the main event at the air-conditioned Coliseum Friday night.

The match, which will not be televised, was demanded by fans who deluged promoter Morris Sigel with letters and wires backing Gomez in his effort to get a return. The pair met on June 1 and Rogers kept applying a vicious octopus clamp to Pepper's

ankle after he had conceded the fall. The injury kept him out of action for a month.

With his foot in perfect shape, Pepper will be out to prove to fans that they did not back him in vain. Their last meeting was one of the greatest mat scraps ever seen here and fans look for Friday's tilt to turn into a head-on clash. He will be backed in the corner by his manager, Black Guzman.

An added attraction puts a quartet of wrestling wildcats behind a fence topped with barbed wire. Duke Keomuka and Tony (TNT) Martin will be locked in with The Bulldog and Iron Mike in the four-way fracas. Two weeks ago the four wildmen wound up battling behind the ringside seats at the Auditorium and the fence will keep them within bounds on Friday.

Giant Gene Kelly, one of the most impressive wrestlers of the year, goes into the semifinal when he meets capable Ramon Torres. Jar-ring John Valentine returns to take on capable Jerry Woods in the top prelim. Al Kashy meets Irish Danny McShane in the second scrap.

Action will get under way when Leaping Larry Chene and Chico Cassasola square off in a match that should produce plenty of science

Sigel Has His Barbed Wire Fence Ready

With a tailor-made barbed wire fence all ready to go into place around the ring at the air conditioned Coliseum Friday night, Promoter Morris Sigel is out to make sure that it takes less than five minutes to put into place.

"This is one of the strongest fences I have ever seen," said Sigel, "and it is made especially for our ring. There will be no time lost in putting it up or taking it down. Now all I have to worry about is making sure that these four wildcats don't tear it apart."

Inside the fence when the bell rings and ready to wrap barbed wire around each other's neck if possible will be the team of Duke Keomuka and Tony (TNT) Martin and the riot squad of The Bulldog and Iron Mike. They will go to an absolute finish to settle the sensational argument they had 2 weeks ago that wound up with all 4 of them fighting on the City Auditorium floor.

The scrap will be an added attraction to the card that puts Pepper Gomez in against Buddy Rogers in the main event. Neither of these two matches will be televised. Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore. CAPITOL-2-7127.

JULY 27, 1956



PEPPER GOMEZ
Meets Buddy Rogers

Gomez Out to Capture Texas Crown Tonight

Pepper Gomez gets his long awaited chance at Buddy Rogers and the Texas state heavyweight title in the main event at the air-conditioned Coliseum tonight.

The popular Mexican is ready to turn in a great battle to justify the fans who supported him in getting the match.

Rogers was forced to end his dodging of Gomez when public opinion stirred officials M. B. Morgan and N.W.A. president Sam Muchnick into action. Promoter Morris Sigel asked the two men to step in when more than 2000 letters came across his desk. Both officials will be on hand for the battle.

Tonight's tilt will not be televised but plenty of fans who saw their last meeting on KTRK-TV June 1 are expected to be present tonight.

Tonight's added attraction puts a barbed wire corral around the ring when The Bulldog and Iron Mike step inside the fence to meet Tony (TNT) Martin and Duke Keomuka.

When the quartet tangled two weeks ago police were hard pressed to break up the battle when it wound up behind the ringside seats.

Ramon Torres meets 6-foot 5-inch, 270-pound Gene Kelly in the semifinal.

Jarring John Valentine,

JULY 27, 1956

Gomez' Bout With Rogers 'No Contest'

Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith stepped into the Coliseum ring Friday night as an angry mob crowded around the ring and handed down a "no decision" verdict in the wild scrap between Pepper Gomez and Buddy Rogers that attracted close to 9,000 fans.

The fans, ready to take things into their own hands when it looked as though Gomez was about to be disqualified, swarmed the ringside.

SMITH TOOK charge and refused to disqualify Gomez, claiming that there was reasonable doubt that Buddy had been fouled. But because Buddy was unable to continue he handed down the no decision verdict but that failed to placate the fans who thought their idol had won.

Rogers took the first fall with his paralytic headlock in 11:09 and Gomez, who was wearing long trunks that prevented Buddy from applying the octopus clamp, which is his trademark, came back to even the score with a surfboard hold in 7:11.

DUKE KEOMUKA and Tony Martin won the Texas tag team title from The Bulldog and Iron Mike in 10:11 of their match inside the wire fence.

Gene Kelly took the semifinal in 7:55 by clamping a back breaker on Ramon Torres.

In the other matches Johnny Valentine was disqualified in 11:12 of his match with Jerry Woods; Larry Chene and Chico Casasola went 15 minutes to a draw and Irish Danny McShane beat Al Kashey in 14:12.

No Decision Ruled In Gomez-Rogers Match

It took a word from Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith Friday night to disperse an angry mob of 9000 howling wrestling fans at the Sam Houston Coliseum.

Smith declared the Buddy Rogers-Pepper Gomez state heavyweight wrestling title bout "no contest." Until he made his declaration it appeared the fans were about to take matters into their own hands.

For awhile it appeared as if Gomez, favorite of the crowd, would be disqualified. But Smith refused to disqualify the Mexican mat ace as he claimed that there was reasonable doubt that Rogers had been fouled.

"As Rogers is unable to continue, I declare this match no contest with no decision reached," said Smith.

Even the decision by Smith failed to satisfy the large crowd which went out claiming Gomez still was the winner.

In the fast-action title bout Rogers grabbed the opening fall with his paralytic headlock after 11:09.

Gomez stalled Buddy's attempt to apply the octopus hold the second fall by wearing long trunks and he came back to take the fall with a surfboard hold after 7:11.

Then came the final fall when Rogers claimed he had been fouled, couldn't continue and finally the deputy commissioner took a hand.

Duke Keomuka and Tony Martin captured the state tag team title from Iron Mike and the Bulldog after 10:11 of their bout held inside a barbed wire fence.

Other results found Johnny Valentine disqualified in his match with Jerry Woods; Larry Chene and Chico Casasola battled to a draw and Irish Danny McShane bested Al Kashey.

Massive Gene Kelly, a favorite here, won the semifinal by defeating Ramon Torres with a back breaker.

AUGUST 3, 1956

Gomez Gets Return Shot At Rogers Friday Night

Pepper Gomez, by an order of the state athletic commission, gets a return chance at Texas state heavyweight champion Buddy Rogers in the main event of an eight-match card at the air conditioned Coliseum Friday night.

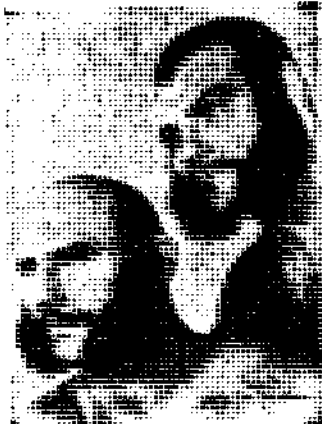
Paul Boesch has accepted an appointment as special referee for the scrap after Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith asked him to take the job. Smith will also appoint three prominent judges to help Boesch in calling the tough ones Friday night.

SMITH WAS CALLED into the ring last week as more than 8,000 fans screamed that Pepper did not foul Rogers at the end of their wild clash. Smith's verdict was to call the bout a "no decision" after Pepper took matters in his own hands and put the stomach claw on Rogers.

Twice before Rogers had tried to throw Gomez over the top rope deliberately in the opinion of the fans in order to save his title by getting an automatic disqualification. Friday's scrap will not have any disqualification falls called.

Tickets will go on sale Monday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727. Prices are \$1.20, \$1.85, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Out of town customers can send a check or money order to the Gulf A. C., 502 Milam Bldg, Houston. There is no service charge.

An eight man tag team battle for a \$1,000 extra added money will be the added attraction with four of the toughest teams in the mat game going into the affair. Four men, two teams, will be permitted in the ring at one time and when a tag is made the change is by teams.



The SMITH BROTHERS
Al, Left; and John

In one corner of the ring will be the new tag team champions of the state, Tony (TNT) Martin and Duke Keomuka and their helpers Giant Gene Kelly and Irish Danny McShane. In the opposite corner the bearded Smith Brothers will co-operate with the Bulldog and Iron Mike. Three men will have to be pinned before a win can be scored.

BEFORE THIS mat war starts Martin meets Al Smith; the Duke takes on John Smith; The Bulldog faces McShane and Kelly tackles Mike.

In the remaining prelims Len Rossi tackles Johnny Valentine and Dick Lever returns to Houston after a long absence to face Jim LaRock.

Rogers Protests Gomez Apparel For Bout Friday

Texas heavyweight champion Buddy Rogers has put in a demand to deputy commissioner Billy Smith to prohibit Pepper Gomez from wearing the full-length tights he wore in last Friday's match when they meet in their commission ordered return at the air-conditioned Coliseum this week.

Rogers claims that Pepper's sudden switch to the old-fashioned wrestling equipment was done to prevent him from applying his octopus clamp, the hold that put Pepper out of the game for a month.

Buddy also insists that Gomez should have been disqualified for deliberately fouling him last Friday, a decision that was almost given until Smith stepped in to term the battle "no decision."

Mat Matches In Coliseum Again

Wrestling will be in the air conditioned Coliseum again Friday night when Pepper Gomez and Buddy Rogers meet in a commission ordered return match.

Promoter Morris Sigel, faced with a demand for tickets that threatens to exceed last week's rowd of better than 8,000 fans, has again moved the ticket sale up to Monday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, Capitol 2-2727. The duets will stay there until Friday at 5 PM when they will move to the Coliseum office.

Friday's card is an eight-match affair. The extra attraction will put eight men in the ring, four of them permitted to battle legally at one time for a \$1,000 prize. This added attraction and the top event will not be seen on TV but with eight matches on the card most of the card will miss the TV cameras.

AUGUST 3, 1956

Unwilling Rogers Defends Title Against Gomez Again

Texas State Heavyweight Champion Buddy Rogers bows to an edict by Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith and gives Pepper Gomez a return chance at the title in the main event at Sam Houston Coliseum Friday night. Paul Boesch will take over the assignment as referee for the match with three judges to assist him at ringside.

CLOSE TO 10,000 fans from all over the state are expected for the battle which is expected to settle the violent controversy that arose last week when Rogers claimed foul after being hit with a flying tackle. Smith called the match a "no decision" but that failed to placate the huge crowd that was solidly behind Gomez.

There will be no television of Friday night's top matches, which includes an eight-team tag was billed as an extra attraction. There will be eight matches in all on the card.

Four tag teams, eight of the toughest men in the mat game, go into the special feature. Four men, two teams, will be in the ring legally at

all times. In order to win the \$1,000 prize offered to the winners, a team must pin three men on the opposing squad.

The Bulldog and Iron Mike team with the bearded Smith brothers to form half of the opposition while Irish Danny McShane and Giant Gene Kelly accept co-operation from the new tag team champions of the state, Duke Keomuka and Tony Martin.

SINGLE SCRAPS will precede the eight-man war. Kelly faces the Bulldog; Mike meets McShane; Al Smith faces Martin while John Smith goes in against Keomuka.

Italian star Len Rossi faces Johnny Valentine and Dick Lever meets Jim LaRock in the 8:30 PM opened. Tickets will be on sale all day at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, Capitol-2-2727, until 5:00 PM when they will move to the Coliseum. Five thousand general admission seats go on sale at that time priced at \$1.20. Reserved seats are \$1.85; \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Gomez Working On Defense For Rogers' Pet Hold

Pepper Gomez believes he has the perfect block for Buddy Rogers' vicious octopus clamp when he faces the Texas state champion in the main event at the air-conditioned Coliseum on Friday night.

Gomez has been working on a counter for Buddy's ankle bending hold, which put the Mexican star out of action for a month, and a new hold to turn the tables on Rogers.

"It takes more than a counter to win a match," said Gomez, "and I am not worried about Buddy's threats to break my leg. I will prevent him from putting that hold on, but I will also use something he hasn't seen before to get that title back again."

Gomez Warned To Protect Legs In Rogers Match

Buddy Rogers has warned Pepper Gomez to protect his legs when they tangle in Friday's main event at the Coliseum.

"I didn't ask for this match, they forced me into it," said Rogers in a particularly bad humor. "There is no commission ruling against breaking a man's leg. I showed Gomez what I could do with my octopus clamp the last time we met and put him out of the running. This time I will make it permanent."

Black Guzman, Pepper's manager, maintains that Pepper's injured ankle is stronger than ever and has no fears of Rogers being able to carry out his threat.

Rogers Predicts Win Over Gomez in 2 Falls

Buddy Rogers has predicted that he will win over Pepper Gomez in two straight falls in five minutes or less when they clash Friday night at the Coliseum.

Promoter Morris Sigel has tossed an extra incentive in Friday night's commission-ordered clash.

"I have just received a signed contract back from world's heavyweight champion Whipper Watson," said Sigel, "and I believe I am in a position to guarantee the

to handle the match as referee," is ready to let them go the limit to settle the argument without question. Three judges at ringside will help Boesch render a verdict. winner of Friday's match a crack at the champion."

Rogers, who has chalked up a victory over Watson before he won the title, has been begging for a chance at the crown but Gomez, who never appeared in better shape than he was last week, is also in line for the chance.

However, there is more to be settled in Friday's no disqualification fuss than who who meets Watson. Both men are keyed to rip and tear the moment the bell rings and Paul Boesch, who is scheduled

AUGUST 3, 1956

BOESCH TO REFEREE

Gomez and Rogers Rematch Ordered

Ordered by deputy state athletic commissioner Billy Smith to give Pepper Gomez an immediate return match for the Texas state heavy-weight title, champion Buddy Rogers reluctantly agreed to meet the determined challenger at the Coliseum Friday night.

Smith also appointed a special referee for the match and Paul Boesch has accepted the assignment. Three judges will be picked before match time to help Boesch in calling the verdict.

There will be no disqualifications called against either man. In case of any move meriting a disqualification a neutral fall will be called and a time-out put in effect.

Wild Struggle

Last week's wild struggle between the pair was declared a "no decision" battle by Smith and referee Otto Kuss after Rogers was apparently



PAUL BOESCH
Named Referee

prelims will not be televised. match but preserved his title.

Friday's card will be an eight-match affair. The two final bouts and some of the fouled by Gomez, who insisted that he did not hit the champion low. In his wild anger at Rogers Gomez put the stomach claw on Buddy and made it impossible for the titleholder to continue.

Prior to the wild scene that wound up the scrap Rogers had twice tried to toss Gomez over the top rope to earn an automatic disqualification that would have cost him the

Last week's huge crowd from all over Texas was one of the biggest of the year and this week's return clash is expected to draw better than 10,000 fans into the Coliseum. Tickets will go on sale Monday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, OAS 2-2727.

Eight men will go into the extra added attraction. Four of the roughest and toughest tag team combinations possible to put together will battle for a \$1000 prize in addition to their purses. Four men will be in the ring legally, a team from each side and changes will be made a team at a time.

How Teams Stack Up

The teams will put the Bulldog and Iron Mike co-operating with the rugged Smith brothers on one side while Giant Gene Kelly and Iron Danny McShane will assist the new Texas tag team champions Duke Keomuka and Tony (TNT) Martin on the other.

Before the eight-man scramble McShane will meet the Bulldog; Kelly will face Mike; John Smith meets the Duke and Al Smith takes on Martin in time limit affairs.

Two other matches round out the bill with Johnny Valentine facing capable Frankie Rossi and Dick Lever making his return to action against Olympic ace Jim LaRocca.

AUGUST 3, 1956

Wrestling

Pepper Gomez-Buddy Rogers In Rematch For Texas Title

Pepper Gomez, by an order of the state athletic commission, gets a return chance at Texas State Heavyweight Champion Buddy Rogers in the main event of an eight-match card at the air conditioned Coliseum tonight.

Paul Boesch has accepted an appointment as special referee for the scrap after Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith asked him to take the job. Smith will also appoint three prominent judges to help Boesch in calling the tough ones Friday night.

Smith was called into the ring last week as more than 8,000 fans screamed that Pepper did not fowl Rogers at the end of their wild clash. Smith's verdict was to call the bout a "no decision" after Pepper took matters in his own hands and put the stomach claw on Rogers.

Twice before Rogers had tried to throw Gomez over the top rope deliberately in the opinion of the fans in order to save his title by getting an automatic disqualification. Tonights bout will not have any disqualification falls called.

Tonight's main tag team battle for a \$1,000 extra added money will be the added attraction with four of the toughest teams in the mat game going into the affair.

Four men, two teams, will be permitted in the ring at one time and when a tag is made the change is by teams.

In one corner of the ring will be the new tag team champions of the state, Tony Martin and Duke Keomuka and their helpers Gene Kelly and Danny McShane. In the opposite corner the bearded Smith Brothers will co-operate with the Bulldog and Iron Mike. Three men will have to be pinned before a win can be scored.

Before this mat war starts Martin meets Al Smith; the Duke takes on John Smith; The Bulldog faces McShane and Kelly tackles Iron Mike.

In the remaining prelims Len Rossi tackles Johnny Valentine and Dick Lever returns to Houston after a long absence to face Jim LaRock.

Prices for this weeks matches are \$1.20, \$1.85, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Gomez Wins Over Rogers

Pepper Gomez was carried to the dressing room on the shoulders of his wildly enthusiastic fans at the Coliseum on Friday night after turning in the most brilliant victory of his career by topping Buddy Rogers in two out of three sensational falls before 7,500.

Gomez earned the right to meet world's heavyweight champion Whipper Watson next week and win back the Texas state title that Rogers had taken from him more than two months ago.

Gomez took the first fall after 11:41 seconds of grappling, forcing Rogers to submit to a well applied surfbboard hold.

Rogers came back to even the score with a grip he calls the paralytic headlock, in the final fall Gomez bore in determinedly, catching Buddy with body slams and a twisting toe hold that almost brought about the verdict. Rogers fought back, however, and in a wild exchange of body slams Gomez came through with the three count that brought the fans to their feet and around the ring in an excited frenzy.

In an eight-man tag team affair, Gene Kelly, Irish Danny McShane, Duke Deomuka and Tony Martin won over The Bulldog, Iron Mike and the Smith Brothers.

In the single matches that preceded the big battle, Kelly beat Mike; McShane won over The Bulldog on a disqualification; Keamuka topped Al Smith and Martin drew with his brother John Smith.

In the two prelims Johnny Valentine forced Len Rossi to quit in 11:04 and Jim LaRock scored Dick Lever in the opener.

AUGUST 10, 1956



GOMEZ WORKS OUT—Pepper Gomez, who gets a chance at world champion Whipper Watson in the feature wrestling

match at the Coliseum, goes through some exercises to toughen up for his big chance.

Gomez Bids for Crown In Match With Watson

Pepper Gomez will try to exchange his Texas state heavyweight title for the world title belt when he faces champion Whipper Watson in the main event of a six-match card at the air-conditioned Coliseum tonight.

None of the matches on tonight's card will be seen in television due to prior commitments of the station.

Gomez is ready for the battle of his life. He has trained long and hard satisfying even his critical manager, Black Guzman, that he is completely ready to take the title.

The Whipper knows he is on the spot. Pepper's style is one that requires any opponent to go at top speed right from the opening bell, with few letups, and the champion could be burned

out by the aggressive war that Gomez will wage.

In the semifinal two giants clash when Buddy Rogers faces former Texas champion Johnny Valentine.

Gene Kelly goes in against Duke Keomuka.

Leaping Larry Chene tackles Irish Danny McShane.

Robin Hood, newcomer to Texas wrestling, faces Iron Mike in the second scrap, while the Bulldog meets Leo Garibaldi in the opener at 8:30.

AUGUST 10, 1956

Watson Works On Speed For Gomez Test

Whipper Billy Watson, aware that he is in for one of the toughest tests he has had in his reign as champion when he meets Pepper Gomez in Friday's main event at the Coliseum, winds up his training today at his well-equipped camp on the shores of Lake Ontario and will head for Houston tonight.

He is due to arrive in town Thursday.

Watson has been working with a battery of sparring mates in the 210-pound class, the same weight as Gomez, and admits that he finds the speed and aggressiveness of the "tiger weight" men more difficult to handle than the power of the big fellows.

Pat Flanagan, former heavyweight star who handles the Whipper's training schedule, is not entirely pleased with the way the Whipper has responded to his current training siege and expects Houston's heat to bother Watson even though the Coliseum is air conditioned.

Friday's battle gives every indication of being a real mad classic. There will be no television of any of the matches on the six-bout bill.

Gomez Will See Variety of Grips

Pepper Gomez may face a variety of spectacular wrestling grips he has never seen when he meets world's heavyweight wrestling champion Whipper Watson in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium.

Watson took the belt from Louis Thesz with an arm-twisting hold he names the corkscrew twist.

The Whipper earned his name with his arm-whipping holds. He couples a grip he calls the Canuck Commando with a rolling leg lock that has been named the Avalanche hold to win most of his matches.

AUGUST 17, 1956



TONY MARTIN
In Team Match

Gomez, Kelly Top Mat Card

Pepper Gomez, fresh from his brilliant battle with world's champion Whipper Watson last week, faces a man-size job at the City Auditorium on Friday night when he tangles with 6-foot-5-inch, 272-pound Giant Gene Kelly, one of the roughest and biggest men in the mat game.

Kelly, out to prove that promoter Morris Sigel made an error in handing the crack at the title to Gomez, has threatened to whip Pepper in two

straight falls within 60-minute time limit.

Last week Watson failed to get better than a draw with Gomez.

Kelly has been a powerhouse here. Last week he whipped Duke Keomuka to add him to a string that includes Luigi Macera, Ramon Torres, Iron Mike and the Bulldog.

During the past eight weeks while wrestling has been absent from the City

Auditorium work has been done in making the building more comfortable. A ton of 32,000 pounds of ice will be packed into the ventilating system early in the day to insure a cool temperature.

In the semifinal, a one-fall-to-a-finish show stealer, the Texas tag team title goes on the block when Duke Keomuka and Tony (TNT) Martin defend their trophy against Leaping Larry Chene and Leo Garibaldi.

Irish Danny McShane tangles with Chico Casasola in the top prelim.

Johnny Valentine meets Olympic ace Jim LaRock in the second scrap while the opener pits Australian Jack O'Reilly against Al Kashey.

Kelly's Manager Ired Over Edict By Mat Official

Count Rossi has objected violently to the decree of deputy commissioner Billy Smith that Len Crosby will be barred from the corner when Gene Kelly faces Pepper Gomez in Friday's main event at the air-conditioned Coliseum.

"Favoritism, that's what it is," said Rossi in his explosive fashion. "Crosby is our good luck charm, he was there when we won the title and they are trying to spoil our lucky combination."

Black Guzman is jubilant at having the 270-pound Crosby kept out of ringside and believes it will help Pepper to concentrate on the job at hand with Kelly who will outweigh Gomez by 70 pounds.

NWA Rates Gomez 2nd

Pepper Gomez plans to make a quick exchange of the number 2 rating he has just received from the NWA. The fiery Latin American meets world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz in Friday's final event at the City Auditorium and is prepared to reverse their positions.

"I beat Thesz for the number 2 spot last September," said Gomez when he received the wire announcing his new rating, "and this time I'll beat him again and he can have the number 2 spot he didn't get the last time he wrestled me."

Friday's card is of Coliseum proportions even though it will be at the Auditorium due to the rodeo holding down the big building. Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drug store, CA-2-2727.

Rossi Will Handle Kelly

Giant Gene Kelly is not going into the ring alone when he faces Texas State Champion Pepper Gomez at the City Auditorium Friday night. The king sized challenger is bringing one of the game's most astute managers here from California to handle him in Friday's effort to take the title away from Gomez.

Count Rossi, who has handled some of the best men in the game, will take over Kelly's corner on Friday night and the addition of the spunky little Italian into the match has caused mixed reaction in Pepper's camp.

Black Guzman, Pepper's manager, believes that Rossi will be there for the sole purpose of showing Kelly how he can break the rules and get away with it. Gomez is calm about the announcement and believes that Kelly has as much right to a manager behind him as he has.

But most fans predict that Rossi will add fireworks to the battle by his colorful tactics. Most agree that Rossi behind Kelly will make more than a normal dose of trouble for Pepper.

AUGUST 17, 1956

W R E S T L I N G

CITY AUDITORIUM—FRIDAY, AUG. 17, 8:30 P.M.
 KELLY OUT TO PROVE PEPPER IS NOT A GIANT KILLER
 AND TAKE THE TEXAS TITLE!

PEPPER GOMEZ

205 Lbs.—TEXAS CHAMP

VS

GIANT GENE KELLY

275 Lbs., 6'5"—CHALLENGER

AUDITORIUM COOLED BY 32,000 POUNDS OF ICE!
 TAG TEAM TITLE AT STAKE!

KEOMUKA AND MARTIN

VS

CHENE AND GARIBALDI

Tickets on Sale Tuesday . . . Auditorium, Hotel Drugstore
 Reservations: CA 2-1727. Prices: \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30, \$2.75
 Morris Sigel, Promoter. Reserved Section for Colored People

Kelly Gets Chance At Gomez Friday Night

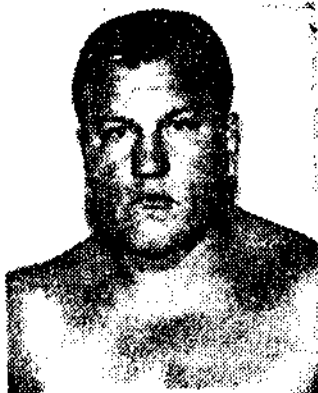
Giant Gene Kelly will throw his 272 pounds at Texas State Heavyweight Champion Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night in an all-out effort to prove that Promoter Morris Sigel made a mistake in not giving him the chance at World's Titleholder Whipper Watson last week.

Gomez, who put up a sensational battle against Watson and came close to upsetting the champion in a draw decision that many fans thought belonged to the challenger, will be outweighed by 70 pounds and will have to look up to the huge grappler to come to grip's with him.

KELLY, BOASTING victories over some of the game's toughest, has proven his ability here by pounding Buddy Rogers into submission only to be disqualified for it. But on the victory side of the ledger he has won over Duke Keomuka, Luigi Macera, Iron Mike, the Bulldog and Ramon Torres.

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore. CA-2-2727. Prices are \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

Action will certainly be assured in the semifinal, a one-fall to a finish affair that pairs Leaping Larry Chene and former world's junior heavy-weight Champion Leo Garibaldi as challengers for the Texas state tag team title. The popular youngsters combine their



GIANT GENE KELLY
272 Pounds of TNT

speed to face Tony (TNT) Martin and Duke Keomuka.

CHICO CASASOLA, Mexican mat star who is catching on fast here, goes in against Irish Danny McShane in the promising top prelim.

Olympic Ace Jim LaRock makes a bid for better spots on the bill when he battles Johnny Valentine.

Young Al Kashey, rapidly rising here, goes in against the rugged Australian, Jack O'Reilly, in the pace setter.

Gomez Hard At Work for Kelly

Pepper Gomez, in spite of the fact that he went through a gruelling 90-minute match with World's Champion Whipper Watson last Friday night, refused to rest over the week end and put in several hours of work on both Saturday and Sunday in preparation for his bout with Giant Gene Kelly in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Black Guzman, manager of the fiery Mexican star, tried to get Pepper to slow down and rest but Gomez, aware that he will be outweighed by 70 pounds on Friday night insisted that condition is the only answer to the handicap.

Kelly, who looks on Gomez as a pint sized grappler, expects to crush him when they face each other and has been predicting that he will win in 2 straight falls within a 60-minute time limit.

AUGUST 17, 1956

Kelly After Gomez's Texas Title Tonight

Giant Gene Kelly, one of the biggest and most dangerous men in the mat game, backed by his new manager, Count Rossi, goes after Pepper Gomez and the Texas state heavyweight title in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Gomez, outweighed by 70 pounds but in perfect shape, will be out to make sure Kelly does not rob him of any of the prestige he gained in wrestling champion Whipper Watson to a draw last week.

Kelly last week won a tug victory over Duke Keomuka, carrying the Jap at least 50 feet, then up the steps to the ring and stepped over the ring rope to bring him where the victory would count.

Rossi is expected to make a big difference in Kelly's style and if they are successful tonight they expect to hook together permanently, a fact that could spell trouble for the top wrestling talent in the nation.

Ice men started packing 32,000 pounds of ice into the ventilating system of the City Auditorium early today to insure a comfortable temperature tonight.

Tag team action takes over in the semifinal tonight, a one fall to a finish affair that should steal the show. Duke Keomuka and Tony (TNT) Martin defend their Texas state tag team trophy against the speedy and hard to handle challenge of Leaping Larry Chene and Leo Garibaldi.

Irish Danny McShane will have his hands full when he faces Mexico's fast moving, Chico Casasola, in the top prelim.

Jim LaRock, out to climb the ladder into a main event, meets rugged Johnny Valentine in the second scrap of the night.

The 8:30 opener puts Australia's Jack O'Reilly in against the agile tactics of Al Kashey.

AUGUST 17, 1956

Outweighed Gomez To Battle Kelly Tonight

Pepper Gomez, outweighed the rough tactics of Irish Danny McShane in the top preliminary one of the most powerful Jim LaRock, who was on the challengers in the game, puts last Olympic team, will be out his Texas state title on the line to upset Johnny Valentine in against Giant Gene Kelly in the second scrap.

main event at the City Auditorium Friday night. Al Kashey faces Australian Jack O'Reilly in the 8:30

Kelly has more than added starter.

to the advantage by bringing one of the mat game's best known managers, Count Pietro Rossi, in from Los Angeles to handle him. Rossi has already predicted a straight fall victory for the giant to bolster his claim that he should have been given the match with Whipper Watson last week.

GOMEZ, WHOSE 90-minute scrap with Watson last week has made him the uncrowned champion of the world in the opinion of the fans, realizes a loss to Kelly would rob him of the prestige his effort against the title holder gained, and he is in top shape.

Black Guzman, manager of Gomez, doesn't like the appearance of Rossi in the opposite corner and is certain it spells trouble.

Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, Capitol 7-8766. Prices are \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

The Texas state tag team trophy will be on the block in the semifinal when Tony (TNT) Martin and his partner, Duke Keomuka, defend their newly won crown against Leo Garibaldi and Leaping Larry Chene. Garibaldi, former world's junior heavyweight champion, will have a perfect partner in the agile and acrobatic Chene.

CHICO CASASOLA, one of Mexico's best liked grapplers, tries his speedy style against



LARRY CHENE
Teams With Garibaldi

Gomez Loses Temper and Texas Title

Pepper Gomez refused to accept a victory on a disqualification at the City Auditorium on Friday night and the display of temper cost him the loss of the three-fall main event and his Texas state heavyweight title to Giant Gene Kelly.

Gomez turned down half a dozen efforts of Referee Marvin Jones to declare him the winner on a disqualification, and when Gomez insisted on continuing the match, despite an injured back, Jones called for the bell to ring again and the match to be resumed.

KELLY TOOK the first fall, egged on by his manager, the colorful Count Rossi, and backed by a 270-pound Italian whom Rossi had brought here, Len Crosby. Gomez, advised by Black Guzman, came on to even the score in the second fall with a surfboard hold that made the big fellow quit.

In the third fall Rossi brought his cane down on the head of Guzman and knocked him cold while Crosby joined in the assault. Gomez left the ring to help Guzman and soon scattered the action up the aisles, but when Crosby and Kelly combined they slammed the Mexican favorite to the floor, injuring his back. Jones tried to issue the disqualification and actually called for the bell but Pepper turned him down and tore into Kelly.

WHEN THE TRIO again jumped Gomez after the match Ray Gunkel leaped in to help Gomez and brought his new protege Larry Clarke along to help. The ensuing action was some of the best of the night.

Duke Keomuka and Tony Martin took the semifinal from Leo Garibaldi and Larry Chene by earning a fall over Garibaldi.

Irish Danny McShane and Chico Casasola went to a draw in the top prelim.

Johnny Valentine beat Jim LaRock and the opener went to Al Kashey over Jack O'Reilly.

AUGUST 24, 1956

Gomez, Gunkel To Face Giants in Team Match

One of the most explosive tag team battles of the last 10 years is expected to erupt at the City Auditorium Friday night when Ray Gunkel and Pepper Gomez join forces in an all out effort to upset 275-pound Gene Kelly and the 270-pound Italian mat star, Len Crosby, over the two-out-of-three fall route.

COUNT ROSSI, manager of the huge grapplers, is confident that Kelly and Crosby will repeat the success he had last week in leading Kelly to a victory over Gomez for the Texas state title. However, Black Guzman, handler of the popular Gomez and Gunkel, is equally certain that his boys will battle the big fellows to a standstill.

Two highly regarded newcomers will see action in the supporting card. One of them steps into the semifinal when Montreal matman Maurice La-

pointe makes his bow here by facing Johnny Valentine over the 20-minute route.

Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, CA-7-8766. Prices are \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

Red Donovan, capable Arizona grappler, makes his start here when he faces Irish Danny McShane in the top prelim.

DUKE KEOMUKA faces a man who makes his second start when he takes on Robin Hood in the second scrap of the night. Hood won his initial appearance here.

The Mighty Hercules, rated as one of the strongest men in the world and chosen Mr. America in 1952, makes his debut here when he faces the bearded Russian, Al Smith, in the opener at 8:30 PM.



MAURICE LaPOINTE
Debuts Against Valentine

Guzman Will Call Signals Friday

Black Guzman will take full charge of Pepper Gomez and Ray Gunkel when they tangle with Giant Gene Kelly and Len Crosby in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night, a battle that looms as one of the best tag team attractions offered fans here in the past 10 years.

Both Gomez and Gunkel have agreed that Guzman can call the signals for their squad and they are ready to stick strictly to his signals. Gunkel completed two workouts with Gomez and both ended on an optimistic note for the popular grapplers who will be solidly backed by fans on Friday night.

Ray is in top shape. He has just finished an intense two-month training period. Friday's tough tussle may provide the answer as far as his future is concerned. Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2771.

AUGUST 31, 1956



RED AND DOUG DONAVAN
Wrestle for Tag Team Title Friday

Gomez Battles Kelly for Title .

Pepper Gomez goes after the Texas state heavyweight title and a handful of revenge when he faces Giant Gene Kelly in the main event at the air-conditioned Coliseum on Friday night.

The return chance for Pepper was assured when a swarm of KTRK-TV's viewers insisted that their idol be given a shot at the belt that Kelly took two weeks ago.

Gomez, his eagerness sharpened by last week's tag team tussle when Kelly was on the opposite side and avoided any prolonged direct contact with him, intends to prove that he can handle the 275-pounder as

well as he has handled most of his other opponents here.

Kelly will have the backing and advice of Count Pietro Rossi, who handled him into the title.

Gomez will depend on Black Guzman to call his shots.

Pepper will be outweighed by 70 pounds.

In the semifinal, Ray Gunkel, who joined with Pepper in last week's tag tussle, faces the man who was Kelly's partner, Italian star Len Crosby. It will be a big job for Gunkel, too, since Crosby weighs 270 pounds.

In the tag team event, a Texas tag title match, Duke Keomuka and Tony Martin put their trophy on the block against the challenge of Doug Donovan and his capable brother, Red, who scored a win over Irish Danny McShane last week.

Suni War Cloud, capable Indian athlete who boasts a great record in many sports, makes his bow when he faces Johnny Valentine.

Kelly Ordered To Hand Mat Belt To Commissioner

Giant Gene Kelly has been ordered to hand over the Texas state heavyweight title belt to deputy commissioner Billy Smith before his one-fall, 47-minute time limit battle with Pepper Gomez at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Kelly snatched the belt from Gomez after referee Otto Kuss had given it to him last Friday claiming that because there was a disqualification in the first fall of their match the title could not change hands. Kuss maintained that the qualification had to be on the third fall for the rule to go into effect.

Smith held up the purses of both men and ordered them to continue the match for the remaining time.

AUGUST 31, 1956

Gomez Seeks To Regain Texas Title Tonight

Pepper Gomez makes an explosive bid to regain the Texas state heavyweight wrestling title when he faces Giant Gene Kelly in the main event at the Coliseum Friday night. The Texas state tag team match tops a card that promises more variety of action than any bill seen here in years.

Gomez is confident of victory. He has spent the week working on a special attack designed to go after a weak spot he detected last Friday when he and the huge grappler who took the title from him two weeks ago were on opposite sides of a tag tussle.

KELLY WILL BE on his day, makes his bow when he own this time. Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith has barred the big Italian star, Len Crosby, from the champion's day, will set out in the corner but has put the stamp of approval on Count Rossi. If he fails to Gene's turbulent manager, Woods and Gomez will have Black Guzman helping him but has been ordered that no one be allowed.



DOUG DONOVAN
Teams With Brother

LaRock, mild-mannered amateur star, and a big name in the wrestling world. He is known for his unique style and has been a major draw for the sport.

Pepper Gomez Regains Texas Wrestling Title

Pepper Gomez is the Texas wrestling champion again, having beaten Gene Kelly in three falls at City Auditorium Friday night.

But he didn't get the official championship belt, at least Friday night, because the giant Kelly scampered off with it. Kelly had protested he couldn't lose the championship because the first fall had gone to Gomez by disqualification.

Referee Otto Kuss disallowed the claim.

Jim LaRock defeated two Houston area men to uphold his claim he would defeat all comers. He pinned Franklin Lelano Clarke, 322-pound Pasadenan, in 4:32 and disposed of Danny LaMadrid, 200-pound Houstonian, in 2:15.

Suni War Cloud made an auspicious debut with a 1:32 win over Johnny Valentine.

Len Crosby won over Ray Gunkel in the semifinal.

The Donovan brothers won from Leo Garibaldi and Tony Martin in a tag-team match.

Hercules failed in his effort to defeat two men. He won from Jerry Woods but the time limit ran out before he and Maurice Lapointe had settled their issue.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1956

WRESTLING

CITY AUDITORIUM—FRIDAY, SEPT. 7—8:30 P.M.

SENSATIONAL INDIAN STAR FACES A GIANT!
ACTION PROMISING 2-3 FALL MAIN EVENT!

SUNI WAR CLOUD vs LEN CROSBY

EXTRA BOUT ORDERED BY COMMISSIONER TO SETTLE
ISSUE! FOLLOWS 6-MATCH CARD! 7 BOUTS IN ALL!
ONE FALL . . . 47-MINUTE TIME LIMIT!
TEXAS TITLE TO THE WINNER!

GIANT GENE KELLY vs PEPPER GOMEZ

Tickets on Sale Tuesday . . . Auditorium Hotel Drugstore
Reservations CA 3-2727 . . . Prices \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30, \$2.75
Morris Sigel, Promoter . . . Reserved Section for Colored Fans

SEPTEMBER 21, 1956

Lou Thesz Goes After State Title

Louis Thesz, former world's heavyweight champion, makes an all-out bid for the Texas state heavyweight title when he meets Pepper Gomez in the main event at the air-conditioned Sam Houston Coliseum on Friday night.

However, while Thesz will be challenging for the state crown in his efforts to get back into position as world's champion, Gomez will also be challenging Lou for the right to be called the No. 2 man in the mat game, a rating which Thesz holds right now.

Gomez held onto his title last week in sensational fashion when he came through an elimination to whip the two biggest men in the mat game, Gene Kelly and Len Crosby.

The victories spell plenty of trouble for Thesz since they prove that Gomez is in the greatest shape of his career and bound to make a lot of trouble on Friday.

Herbie Freeman of the Bronx, who made a terrific hit in his debut last week, steps into the semifinal against Col. Stu Gibson, the Kentucky cannonball.

El Medico, Mexico's top-ranking heavyweight for the past five years, will make his American debut when he faces Leaping Larry Chene in the top prelim.

The Amazing Zuma, a South American with a reputation for acrobatic grappling, makes his Texas bow when he battles Len Crosby.

Cheto Gonzales, another Mexican star, makes his first appearance here when he goes up against the colorful Sheik of Araby.

The Texas state title for Negro wrestlers goes on the line when Tex Brady of Dallas defends his trophy against 225-pound Tiger Conway.



LOUIS THESZ
Former Champion

Gomez-Thesz Winner Gets No. 2 Rating

The National Wrestling Alliance has given official sanction to Friday's main event at the Coliseum as a battle for the No. 2 rating in the country and will recognize the winner of the scrap between Louis Thesz and Pepper Gomez as the logical "Crown Prince" of the mat sport.

Sam Muchnick, president of the alliance, answered promoter Morris Sigel's request for an official stamp of approval to tag the winner with the rating.

Both Thesz and Gomez on the basis of their records rate top consideration as the No. 2 man. Thesz has had the inside track because of the fact that he held the title. The Texas state title will also ride on the outcome of Friday's all-important tilt.

10,000 Expected For Mat Bout

A crowd of close to 10,000 fans is expected at the air-conditioned Coliseum on Friday night when Louis Thesz and Pepper Gomez battle in a joint challenge for the Texas state heavyweight title and the No. 2 rating of the National Wrestling Alliance.

Promoter Morris Sigel reported a rush on the first day of sales with over 1000 seats sold indicating the terrific interest. Reservations have come in from a radius of 100 miles.

Gomez, who looked better last week in beating two huge grapplers than he ever has here, has worked harder in training and will be ready for the battle of his life against the former world's titleholder.

Thesz will come here from California and is due to arrive on Thursday.

SEPTEMBER 21, 1956

Gomez Defends Title Against Thesz Friday

Pepper Gomez puts his Texas state heavyweight title on the block in the main event at the Sam Houston Coliseum Friday night when he faces former world's champion Louis Thesz. Gomez will not only be defending his belt but will make an all-out bid to upset Thesz from the rating as Number 2 man in the nation.

GOMEZ COMES into the important scrap in the best condition of his career. Last week he took the measure of two of the biggest men in the game to earn the right to meet Thesz.

This will be the first time in almost 10 years that Thesz has campaigned for anything but the world title in a local ring.

Tickets for Friday's card which is expected to attract close to 10,000 fans, go on sale Monday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drug Store, Capitol 2-2727. They will remain there until 5 P.M. Friday when they will move to the Coliseum. Tickets are priced at \$1.20, \$1.85, \$2.50 and \$3. Out-of-town fans can send a check or money order to Gulf A. C., 509 Milam Building, Houston 2. There is no mail or service charge.

Herbie Freeman, the husky youngster from the Bronx who made such a sensational hit in his debut last week, makes his second star against the cannon ball from Kentucky, Col. Stu Gibson.

El Medico, the masked Mexican wrestler who has ruled the roost below the border for the past five years, makes his American debut when he faces

Leaping Larry Chene. El Medico is a 225 pounder who promises to make things tough for America's most rugged grapplers.

THE AMAZING Zuma, an Argentinian, who has created a sensation in Europe, South America and the States, makes his Texas debut when he faces Len Crosby.

Mexican star Cheto Gonzales makes his bow here when he faces the rugged and colorful Sheik of Araby.

Tex Brady, Negro heavyweight champion of the state, will risk his title against the challenge of Houston's Tiger Conway, a chesty and rugged challenger.



LOU THESZ
Tries for Texas Title

Thesz Wants Schwarz To Referee Friday

Louis Thesz, former world's heavyweight champion, has wired Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith suggesting that Charley Schwarz of Saint Louis, a former Houstonian, be named to referee his match with Pepper Gomez at the Coliseum Friday night.

"I want the referee named in advance," said Lou's wire, "and would like to suggest Schwarz as a most capable man who has had considerable experience with the pile driver hold now used by Gomez."

Thesz is apparently con-

cerned over the fact that the pile driver, the hold with which Gomez put 270-pound Len Crosby out of commission last week, is one of the most potent in the game. The hold is barred in Saint Louis where Schwarz now holds a license but is legal in Texas.

Thesz Can't Pick Referee for Top Mat Bout Friday

Former world's champion Louis Thesz will not be allowed to name the referee for his match with Pepper Gomez at the Coliseum on Friday night, according to Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith.

Smith has flatly rejected Lou's suggestion that he would like to have Charley Schwarz of St. Louis handle the match and has declined to name the official for the scrap until ring time on Friday night.

The veteran commissioner has wired Thesz the names of six men whom he considers capable and acceptable to the commission and the fans here and will make his selection from the panel. The six names were Otto Kuss, Marvin Jones, Buddy Garcia, Paul Boesch, Julian Johnson, and Dick Raines of Dallas.

New Faces to Be Seen on Friday Night's Mat Card

New faces will spice the mat bill at the Coliseum Friday night.

El Medico, rated as Mexico's best heavyweight, will make his bow in one of the supporting scraps to the Louis Thesz-Pepper Gomez main event when he faces Leaping Larry Chene.

Medico, a masked matman

who is a licensed physician, left his practice to become a wrestler.

Zuma, Argentinian who was champion of South America, is said to be an acrobatic matman. He will make his debut against Len Crosby.

Cheto Gonzales, another Mexican favorite, meets the Sheik of Araby.

Herbie Freeman, who made his bow last week and proved to be a big hit, takes on Col. Stu Gibson.

SEPTEMBER 21, 1956



THE AMAZING ZUMA
Makes Local Debut

Lou Thesz Goes For Gomez's Title Tonight

Louis Thesz, former world's heavyweight champion, makes an all-out bid to take the Texas state heavyweight title away from Pepper Gomez at the fair-conditioned Coliseum Friday night, topping a six-match bill that promises to produce the best action of the year.

GOMEZ WILL NOT only be defending his state belt but will be primed to make a bid of his own when he tries to upset Thesz and earn the rating as Number 2 man in the National Wrestling Alliance lists. NWA prexy Sam Muchnick will be present to make the rating official and to sanction the winner as the man to get a chance at Whipper Watson, recognized world's champion.

Dispute over who would referee Friday night's clash has been tabled by Deputy Commissioner Billy Smith, who announced he would not name the referee until ring time.

Promoter Morris Siegel

pates a crowd of nearly 10,000 to back Gomez. Tickets will be on sale until 5 PM Friday at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727. They will move to the Coliseum box office at that time when unserved general admission seats go on sale at \$1.20. Reserved seats are priced at \$1.85, \$2.50 and \$3.

The supporting card is studded with new faces. Colonel Stu Gibson will face a youngster who made an impressive debut last week, Herbie Freeman.

Mexico's champion, the masked El Medico, will make his debut in the United States when he faces Leaping Larry Chene. El Medico is rated as the Bull Curry of Mexico and has been kingpin of the heavyweights there for five years.

AND **ORT**, the **make**

SEPTEMBER 31, 1956



EL MEDICO
Faces Larry Chene

Gomez Risks Crown Tonight Against Thesz

Pepper Gomez puts his Texas state heavyweight title on the line against the challenge of former world's champion Louis Thesz in the main event of a mat card at the air-conditioned Coliseum tonight.

Thesz will be risking his rating as No. 2 man in the mat game and the winner of tonight's tilt will be recognized as the logical contender and given a contract to meet the champion, Whipper Watson, here soon.

Gomez is in perfect shape for the battle. Last week he disposed of two grapplers, each of them weighing 270 pounds, to earn the chance to dispute Lou's high rating.

The referee for tonight's bout will not be named until ringtime by deputy commissioner Billy Smith who objected to an attempt by Thesz to name the third man in the ring tonight.

A crowd of close to 10,000 fans is expected to be on hand for tonight's card which will feature a number of new faces.

Herbie Freeman, husky and powerful young Jewish boy from New York, faces Colonel Stu Gibson in the semifinal.

El Medico, Mexico's famous masked wrestler who has been heavyweight champion of that country for more than five years, will make his United States debut when he meets Leaping Larry Chene.

The Amazing Zuma, a South American, tackles Len Crosby.

Cheto Gonzales, another Mexican favorite, goes in against the Shiek of Araby.

The Texas state title for Negro wrestlers will go on the block in the special event when champion Tex Brady defends his trophy against Houston's Tiger Conway.

First match goes in the ring at 8:30.

Gomez Beats Lou Thesz

Pepper Gomez scored a sensational three-fall victory over Former World's Heavyweight Champion Louis Thesz in the main event at the Coliseum Friday night retaining his Texas state heavyweight title and winning recognition by the NWA as the Number 2 man in the mat game.

Gomez scored first taking the initial fall with a twisting head scissors in 15:45.

Thesz came back to even the score in 12:12 with a terrific body slam that followed a trio of drop kicks, two of them applied while Gomez was trying to get back in the ring.

In the final fall Thesz tried to kick Pepper off the apron after having hurled him through the ropes to the concrete floor. The drop kick cleared the top rope, Gomez went sprawling into the ring-side and Thesz fell backward with his legs over the bottom rope. Referee Otto Kuss tolled his count and when he passed 10 Thesz was automatically out. Gomez returned to the ring before he reached 20, since that was the limit on the floor and won the match.

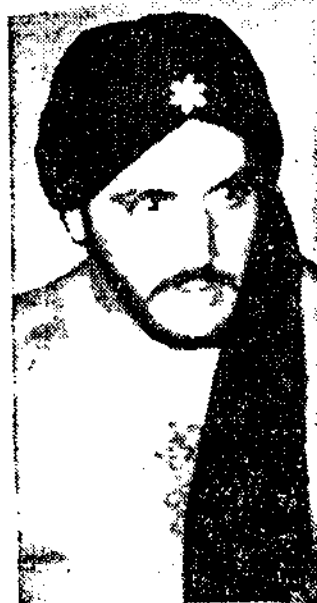
El Medico battered Larry Chene into submission in one of the most brutal battles ever seen here. Chene, bleeding badly, had to be carried from the ring.

Argentina Zuma turned in one of the most brilliant performances of acrobatics ever seen here in disposing of giant Len Crosby with a series of head scissors in the top prelim.

The Texas state title for Negro wrestlers changed hands when Tiger Conway of Houston won the trophy from Tex Brady of Dallas.

Stu Gibson and Herbie Freeman went to a gruelling 20-minute draw in the semi while The Shiek of Araby defeated Cheto Gonzales of Mexico in the opener.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1956



SHEIK OF ARABY
Rugged Wrestler

El Medico To Tackle Gomez

El Medico, the masked Mexican mat champion, steps into the main event and a shot at the Texas state title at the City Auditorium on Friday night when he meets Pepper Gomez, now rated as No. 2 man in the nation following his victory over Louis Thesz last week.

Medico made his American debut in spectacular style last week, pounding out a bloody victory over leaping Larry Chene and then starting a near riot by belting Paul

Boesch out cold when the announcer didn't give him an opportunity to speak his piece immediately.

Brutal Test

Gomez never looked better than he did in his successful title defense last week but most fans who saw Medico in action agree that the masked grappler will give Pepper a brutal test of his ability before the night is over.

Medico is recognized by Mexican experts as a claimant to the world heavyweight title and is in this country to try to force a title match. A 235-pounder who displayed plenty of class last Friday, Medico will undoubtedly be a hard man to handle.

Argentina Zuma, the amazing South American whose acrobatic display last week has been classed as one of the greatest aerial mat displays ever seen here, will get his second start in the local ring when he takes on 275-pound giant Gene Kelly in the semifinal.

Kelly asked for the match after Zuma defeated his stable-mate, Len Crosby, last week.

Tag Team Action

Tag team action will take over in the top prelim when Duke Keomuka and Tony (TNT) Martin tie together again to tangle with the husky squad of Ray Gunkel and Herbie Freeman.

The Texas state title for Negro wrestlers will again be on the line when the new champion, Houstonian Tiger Conway, faces the challenge of Emerson Crozier of Dallas.

The Great Bolo, well-known among TV viewers because of his terrific winning streak in California, makes his debut here when he faces the colorful Indian, Chief Suni War Cloud.

Maurice Lapointe, undefeated here, will try his style against the rugged tactics of the Sheik of Araby.

WRESTLING

CITY AUDITORIUM . . . FRI., SEPT. 28 . . . 8:30 P.M.

MEXICO'S SENSATIONAL CHAMPION, A WILDCAT
IN ACTION. GOES AFTER THE TEXAS TITLE!

EL MEDICO VS PEPPER GOMEZ

Masked Marauder

Texas Champ. 2d in Nation

AMAZING ZUMA VS GIANT GENE KELLY

Plus 4 other great bouts including Tag Team action
and Negro State Title match!

Tickets on Sale Auditorium Hotel Drugstore . . . Tuesday!
Reservations . . . CA 2-2727 . . . Prices: \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30, \$2.75
Morris Sigel, Promoter . . . Reserved Section for Negro Fans

SEPTEMBER 28, 1956

Gomez To Defend Title Against Medico Friday

Pepper Gomez defends his Texas heavyweight mat title against the toughest grappler ever to come out of Mexico when he meets the masked matman, El Medico, in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night.

The two-out-of-three-fall battle tops a six-match card that will see the Amazing Zuma, making his second appearance here, a tag team tussle and a scrap for the state Negro title.

MEDICO STORMED his way into Texas wrestling last Friday by battering Larry Chene into bloody helplessness and then attacked the announcer for not handing him the microphone fast enough.

Gomez made the greatest impression of his career Friday when he scored his first victory over former world's heavyweight title holder Lou Thesz and earned recognition as Number 2 man in the country. But many experts predict the solid style of Medico will be tougher to solve.

The Amazing Zuma, acrobatic Argentinian who leaped his way into favor here last week, faces a 75-pound deficit when he meets Giant Gene Kelly in the semifinal. Zuma wallopped Kelly's stablemate Len Crosby into defeat last week and their manager, Count Rossi, will be egging Kelly on to reverse the verdict.

RAY GUNKEL and Herbie Freeman, a popular pair of husky matmen, make their first start here together when they tangle with a pair of veterans in tag action. Tony (TNT) Martin and Duke Keo-



MAURICE LAPOINTE
Meets Sheik of Araby

muka. The match goes for one fall.
Tiger Conway, husky Houston youngster who won the Texas state Negro title last week, put his trophy on the line when he meets Emerson Crozier of Dallas in a finish fracas.

Chief Suni War Cloud will try to spoil the debut here of the Great Bolo, masked grappler whose long winning streak in California was recently featured on KPRC-TV. The rugged Sheik of Araby tries to break the winning streak of Canadian Maurice Lapointe in the pace setter.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium. They tangle with a pair of veterans in tag action. Tony (TNT) Martin and Duke Keo-

Capitol 2-2727.
Prices: \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1956



TONY MARTIN
In Finish Match

El Medico Bids For State Crown

Pepper Gomez puts his Texas state heavyweight title on the line in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight when he faces Mexico's masked champion, El Medico, in what promises to be a pitched battle for two out of three falls.

Medico's stormy debut last week when he chopped Larry Chene into submission and then went on to create a near riot in the TV booth indicate that the hooded grappler will be mighty hard to handle tonight.

Gomez, still receiving congratulations for his win over Louis Thesz last week, has maintained his peak of condition and has had several valuable workouts with Paul Boesch during the week that

may help him solve Medico's rough style.

Giant Gene Kelly will be out to spoil the impression scored by the Amazing Zuma last week when he meets the acrobatic Argentinian in the semifinal.

Duke Keomuka and Tony (T.N.T.) Martin go into action together when they face Ray Gunkel and Herbie Freeman in the one fall to a finish special event.

The Texas state Negro title will also go on the block when the newly crowned champion, Tiger Conway, risks his trophy against Emerson Crozier of Dallas.

The Great Bolo makes his debut here when he meets Chief Suni War Cloud.

The 8:30 pace setter puts the Sheik of Araby in against Maurice Lapointe.

El Medico Disqualified, Handcuffed

El Medico, the Mexican in the mask, attacked almost everybody within ring distance to draw a disqualification from Referee Marvin Jones Friday night at the City Auditorium.

After illegally pummeling Pepper Gomez, later declared the victor, El Medico banged Black Guzman, Pepper's manager, Jones and finally police and fans who jammed the ring.

Jones, who had awarded this third fall to El Medico, reversed his decision while Gomez still was unconscious.

Police handcuffed El Medico before escorting him to the dressing room.

Pepper, addled by elbow raps, lost the first fall, but won the second with a twisting head scissors.

In other matches, Duke Keomuka's team beat Herbie Freeman and Ray Gunkel, the Great Bolo decisoned Suni War Cloud, Tiger Conway pinned Emerson Crozier and The Sheik of Araby whipped Maurice La Pointe.

OCTOBER 19, 1956

Medico To Get Police Protection

El Medico, the center of a near riot every time he has stepped into the Houston ring, has complained bitterly about the fact that he is not provided with sufficient police protection when he wrestles here.

"Evidently Medico thinks the whole Houston police department should be lined up around the ring when he wrestles," said promoter Morris Sigel.

"I have increased the number of cops every time he has wrestled here and for Friday's match with Pepper Gomez he will have more policemen than any other wrestler ever to appear here."

Like the expected capacity crowd of fans Sigel expects this week's battle with Gomez to be the toughest Medico has had here to date and looks for the roughest match of the year.

Gomez Eager For Mat Match

Blackie Guzman is priming his boy Pepper Gomez for a straight fall win when he faces El Medico in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Gomez has been working with short-tempered speed these past few days that indicates Medico will be in for a rough haul in the Texas title match. The reason for Pepper's peeve lies in the fact that Medico has insisted that he never should have lost the title to Pepper because one fall of their last meeting ended in a disqualification.

Friday's main event is backed by some good prelims. Fourteen wrestlers in all will see action.

Gomez Ready For Rugged Bout With Masked Grappler

Pepper Gomez is primed for a pitched battle when he faces the masked matman from Mexico, El Medico, in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium.

Black Guzman, manager of the fiery champion of Texas, has not had to keep after Gomez to maintain a high pace in his training in spite of the fact a letup would be natural after his win over Lou Thesz last week.

TV fans are angrily expressing their opinion of the way Medico stormed into the interview booth and walloped Paul Boesch into unconsciousness when the announcer asked him to wait his turn at the microphone.

Gomez Defends State Mat Crown Tonight

Pepper Gomez defends his state heavyweight title against Mexico's masked champion, El Medico, in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Three weeks ago El Medico pounded out a victory over Gomez, but the decision was reversed when the masked man kept pounding away at Pepper and the referee. Gomez has trained hard since that night in order to regain prestige by taking the masked man into camp in a return tilt.

Extra police will be around the ringside tonight at the insistence of El Medico, who has been the target of the hotly aroused fans every time he has stepped into the Houston ring.

Gomez will be relying on

his ability to put the stomach claw on the Medico early in the match to avoid the punishment inflicted by the elbow smash to the base of the skull that has turned out to be one of the most debated holds to be used here in years.

In the semifinal the Amazing Zuma will try his acrobatic tactics against Sheik of Araby over the 20-minute limit.

Duke Keomuka and Tony Martin team in the one-fall-to-a-finish top prelim when they face Ray Gunkel and Jim LaRock.

Chief Suni War Cloud will try his style against Giant Gene Kelly.

The 8:30 opener puts Col. Stu Gibson and Dynamite Doug Donovan into battle.

OCTOBER 19, 1956

Medico Wins Texas Title

El Medico, the masked Mexican matman, battered his way to the Texas state heavyweight title by winning 2 out of 3 falls from Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night before another capacity crowd.

Gomez turned in one of the greatest exhibitions of courage ever seen in a wrestling ring when he was knocked cold by the Medico's brain buster to lose the first fall in 16 minutes and had to be carried from the ring.

IN SPITE OF the fact that Medico refused to accede to a request for an extra 5-minute rest period, Gomez returned to action. It was obvious Gomez was dazed but this did not stop him from tearing into Medico and winning the second fall with a reverse jackknife.

Pepper collapsed after the win and had to be helped back to the dressing room again. He returned for the final fall but fell in a heap as he tried to climb through the ropes. Efforts by the commission doctor to revive him were futile and the third fall went to Medico. Along with the title by default.

RAY GUNKEL stole the show in the tag team event when he stood off both Tony Martin and Duke Keomuka for 7 minutes by himself and then wound up beating Martin with a crucifix hold. Gunkel's partner, Jim LaRock, fell victim to Keomuka's stomach claw but before the fall could be registered Gunkel had touched LaRock's hand and came into the ring to stick until he won.

The Amazing Zuma won on a disqualification from the Sheik of Araby in the semi-final; Gene Kelly beat Chief Suni War Cloud with a back breaker and Colonel Stu Gibson and Doug Donovan came out all even in the opener.

Medico Is Texas Mat Champion

A new Texas state heavyweight wrestling champion reigns today.

Masked man El Medico defeated his countryman Pepper Gomez in two out of three falls before another capacity crowd at the City Auditorium to cop the title.

Even in defeat Gomez drew the ovation of the fans for his gallant courage in rallying after being knocked cold in the opening fall when Medico used his brain buster to perfection. It came after 16 minutes of action.

After Medico refused an extra five-minute rest period Gomez stumbled back in the ring. Dazed and not at his best he beat Medico with a reverse jackknife.

Pepper collapsed after the win and again passed out.

He tried his best to make it for the final fall but could not be revived and Medico won the last fall by default.

Ray Gunkel proved the toughest as he whipped both Tony Martin and Duke Keomuka in the tag team event after his partner, Jim LaRock, lost to Duke's stomach claw.

Other results found Amazing Zuma winning on disqualification from Sheik of Araby. Gene Kelley defeated Chief Suni War Cloud and Col. Stu Gibson and Doug Donovan opened with a draw.

DECEMBER 7, 1956

W R E S T L I N G

CITY AUDITORIUM ... FRIDAY, DEC. 7 ... 8:30 P.M.
A RIP ROARING, ACTION-PACKED SHOWDOWN!
TEXAS TWO TOP GRAPPLERS BATTLE FOR A
WORLD TITLE TRY!

**PEPPER
GOMEZ**

VS.

**EL
MEDICO**

Tired-Up Challenger

Masked Champion

WINNER GUARANTEED SHOT AT WORLD'S CHAMPION!
SIX SENSATIONAL SCRAPS FROM A CROWD-PLEASING CARD!

Tickets on Sale Tuesday ... Auditorium Hotel Drugstore
Reservations ... CA 2-2727 Prices: \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30, \$2.75

Morris P. Sigel, Promoter
Huge Reserved Section for Negro Fans!

Medico Tests Gomez For Title Try Against Thesz

El Medico, the masked mat-morning. Prices: \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.
man from Mexico, risks his Texas state heavyweight title at the City Auditorium on Friday night when he faces Pepper Gomez in the 2 out of 3 falls main event that will decide which of the two top grapplers will meet Louis Thesz for the world's title.

Medico has beaten everything that he has faced on both sides of the Rio Grande but had his toughest time with Gomez. In their last battle before the one in which Gomez lost the state belt, Pepper actually won the second fall to equalize things but passed out as he came into the ring for the final fall.

GOMEZ BELIEVES he will be able to prevent Medico from using his brain busting elbow smash and to regain the title. Pepper became one of the few men ever to beat Thesz when he won over the Saint Louis star in the September in the local ring. At that time Gomez was promised a crack at Whipper Watson for the title.

However, when Medico won the Texas belt, Thesz got the crack at Watson and went on to win giving Gomez a double reason for wanting to upset the masked man in Friday's all-important and action-promising battle.

Lee Henning, the hard-slugging Iowa farmhand, will try his own brand of bruising battling against the fists and feet of Bull Curry in the semi-final of the six match card.

TICKETS will go on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drug Store, CA 2-2727, on Tuesday

In the extra added attraction that could steal the show Duke Keomuka will try his judo chops against El Mortero, the masked man who was Medico's tag team partner in last week's sensational main event scrap.

Sam Steamboat, likeable Hawaiian protege of Thesz, gets a real test of his ability when he goes in against Stu Gibson, the Kentucky Colonel.

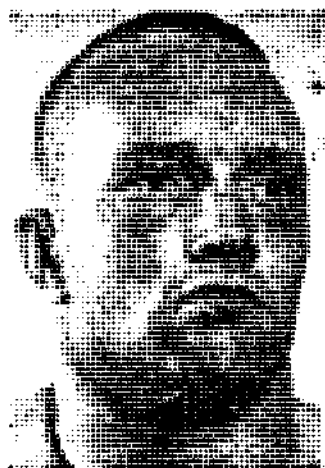
Mad Maurice Vachon, the Montreal matman, steps into a red hot argument when he meets the Amazing Zuma.

Houston's own champion of the Negroes of Texas, Tiger Conway, will face the rugged attack of Red Donovan.



AMAZING ZUMA
Faces Maurice Vachon

DECEMBER 7, 1956



RED DONOVAN
Faces Tiger Conway

Gomez Set for Match With Medico Tonight

Pepper Gomez, primed for the effort of his life, sets out to take the Texas state heavy-weight crown away from the masked El Medico in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night and to win a promised shot at world's heavy-weight champion Louis Thesz.

MEDICO, recognized as champion of Mexico, as well as Texas and holder of the Brass Knucks trophy emblematic of the toughest man in

the mat world, is riding the crest of a wave of victories that are unique in modern wrestling history here. Most of them have been won by his powerful brain busting elbow smash to the base of the skull.

Gomez has refused to permit a move to bar the blow and wants Medico to have full and unrestricted use of it in order to preclude any alibis or claims of favoritism if Medico loses the match, as Gomez believes he will.

Tickets are on sale at the City Auditorium box office all day, CA-pitol 7-8766. There are still good seats available, prices are \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

Lee Henning, who has been impressive since he came here a month ago, figures to have his reputation tested to the limit when he meets Battling Bull Curry in the semifinal.

DUKE KEOMUKA goes into the extra attraction when he takes on El Mortero, masked Mexican star who was Medico's partner in last week's main event.

Sam Steamboat faces Col Stu Gibson.

The Amazing Zuma tries his lightning like tactics against Mad Maurice Vachon in the second scrap.

Texas Negro champion Tiger Conway, a chesty Houstonian, faces tough and rugged Red Donovan in the opener at 8:30 PM.

Torrid Battle Due Tonight

The Texas state heavy-weight belt and a match for the world's title will be at stake at the City Auditorium tonight when Pepper Gomez makes an all out effort to upset the masked champion of Texas and Mexico, El Medico.

Gomez has called on Medico to use every rough trick he knows in tonight's tilt so that there will be no alibis when it is over.

Medico, anxious for a try at Thesz and objecting to the fact he has had to battle for the right to meet the champion even though he has won the state title, plans on a blasting battle that will make full use of his potent brain busting elbow smash.

Pepper already has a win over Thesz to his credit and hopes to get a chance to make it two by topping Medico.

Battling Bull Curry roars into action in the semifinal of the six-match card when he tries his popular brand of rough wrestling against the unpopular style of mauling employed by Lee Henning.

In the extra added attraction El Mortero gets a taste of the judo chops of Duke Keomuka.

Colonel Stu Gibson, the rugged Kentuckian, tests young Sam Steamboat, the Hawaiian

grappler, in the top prelim. Mad Maurice Vachon meets the Amazing Zuma while there will be an 8:30 opener.

FEBRUARY 8, 1957

Gomez Takes on Medico In Bid to Regain Title

Pepper Gomez makes a determined effort to regain the Texas state heavyweight title when he meets El Medico in the main event at the Sam Houston Coliseum Friday night, a match that will go for 2 out of 3 falls with the time limit removed to give both men an all out chance to go their best.

Medico will be facing the

toughest test he has had since winning the title from Gomez last year. Pepper's recent operation on his knee has been a tremendous success and his training schedule since then has amazed even his most enthusiastic supporters.

Gomez will have plenty of advice behind him on Friday

and has had the benefit of the brains in his training sessions too. Black Guzman, his manager, has hired Strangler to work with him to get Pepper in top condition for this scrap and both men will be in Pepper's corner on Friday.

Eddie Wojewski, Rice Institute trainer, took charge of Pepper immediately after the operation and has worked with him daily to make sure that the personable athlete would reach his peak by Friday.

Another feature of Friday's card is the special event which will put the Texas state Negro girl's title on the line. Ethel Johnson, holder of the trophy, risks her record when she faces Babs Wingo in the one fall to a finish attraction.

Irish Danny McShane roars into action against the unorthodox grappling style of Prince Malava in the promising semi final.

A newcomer to Houston fans but well known and feared as a rough and rugged competitor makes his bow in the top prelim when Tokyo Joe tries his Karate style against Lotina.

Chicago star Bobby Mangoff will go in against Dirty Don Evans in the second scrap while the opener pits Leaping Larry Chene against Killer Joe Christy.



PEPPER GOMEZ

EDDIE WOJEWSKI

Eddie explains why Pepper must exercise the massive muscles in his knee.

FEBRUARY 8, 1957

Gomez Wins Texas Title From Medico

Pepper Gomez is the Texas heavyweight champion again today after halting the winning streak of the masked Mexican grappler, El Medico, at the Sam Houston Coliseum Friday night before 9000 fans.

Gomez' bid appeared to be in vain in the third fall of the rugged bout when the popular Pepper was on the brink of defeat from Medico's elbow smash, but, with adviser Ed (Strangler) Lewis in the corner shouting instructions, Gomez caught Medico in a flying mare as the masked man attempted to put on the brain-buster finisher. That was it.

Pepper had won the first fall on a disqualification when El Medico tossed him over the top rope.

The champion came back to take the second fall with a leg tangle.

Ethel Johnson retained her girls' Negro title against Babs Wingo, using a body slam.

Tokyo Joe made an impressive debut in taking Chico Amaro in one of the top prelims. In others, Dirty Don Evans lost to Bobby Managoff on disqualification, while Larry Chene and Joe Christy battled to a draw.

FEBRUARY 15, 1957

Tokyo Joe Plans Rugged Attack Against Gomez

Tokyo Joe, who can break bricks by hitting them with

his hands and busts boards by kicking them with his toes, plans to prove just how rugged his judo attack can be when he meets Pepper Gomez in their half of the double

main event bill at the City Auditorium.

Joe is not a judo expert but deals in Karate a more deadly form of attack that is known more outside of Japan. The Oriental hails from Singa-

pore and although he has had formal judo training he relies on his own adapted version that resembles a vicious brand of rough house wrestling.

Gomez is prepared for

Tokyo Joe's attack and has felt the sting of it twice in recent weeks when the tough grappler mauled his partners in tag team matches.

FEBRUARY 22, 1957

Gomez Training Hard for Match With El Medico

Pepper Gomez will leave nothing to chance when he faces El Medico in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium with the winner guaranteed a chance at world's champion Lou Thesz and the Texas state title.

Gomez has gone about his training with an earnestness that exceeds anything he has ever done in the past according to his manager Black Guzman.

Gomez is aware that Medico cost him a crack at the world title once before by winning over him. That victory followed the peak of Pepper's career when he defeated Lou Thesz here and was promised a world title try.

Thesz got the match instead and regained his title and Pepper feels that if he had gotten Whipper Watson as he was promised he would be world's champion today.

Gomez-Medico Winner to Get Shot at Thesz

Wrestling promoter Morris Sigel has turned Friday's Texas state title match between Pepper Gomez and El Medico into dynamite by guaranteeing the winner a chance at world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz in the very near future.

Gomez and Medico, bitter rivals for the state title and set to turn Friday's fracas into a showdown scrap anyway, are doubly eager to score now.

Medico, in his one meeting with Thesz last year, earned a draw with the champion. Gomez not only has a draw in the record books, but is one of the few men ever to defeat Thesz.

Medico, Pepper Gomez Renew Mat Feud Friday

El Medico makes a bid to boost Pepper Gomez out of his newly-won position on the top of Texas wrestling when he faces the popular champion in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night. Pepper won the title from the masked man in the Coliseum two weeks ago and Medico's fan clubs have protested violently because he had lost a fall on disqualification.

Friday's card will be spiced by a tag team event that will feature four of the nation's top Negro girl wrestlers.

GOMEZ IS IBATE because Medico has taken the shine off his win for the title by his persistent protests and asked Promoter Morris Sigel to sign him with the hooded grappler so that he could prove beyond a doubt his superiority.

Medico also claims that his training was hampered for their last meeting by a five-stitch cut over his left eye and believes that he will be in the greatest shape of his career for Friday's fracas.

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727. Tickets are priced at \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

In the special attraction Lula Mae Provo and Ethel Johnson, rated as two of the top Negro girl grapplers in the nation,



ROCKY COLUMBO
Faces Country Boy

will go into action together against the rough and rugged assault of Babs Wingo and Louise Greene in a match that is looked upon as a real show stealer.

SEMIFINAL HONORS go to Tokyo Joe, who proved last week that he has one of the most vicious chopping attacks in the game whether he is breaking bricks or hitting at his opponents with the edge of his hands. Joe takes on an unbeaten rival, Thor Hagen.

Irish Danny McShane will see plenty of action when he faces Luis Martinez in the top notch top prelim.

Country Boy Calhoun, who gained a huge following with his sensational display of agility in spite of his 552 pounds last week, meets husky Rocky Columbo in the second scrap.

Dirty Don Evans gets things off to a rough and rapid start when he meets the Boise Bombshell, Bill Fletcher, in the opener.

FEBRUARY 22, 1957

Gomez, Medico In Title Match

Pepper Gomez defends his Texas state heavyweight title against the hurricane attack of the man from whom he won the belt, when he meets El Medico in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night.

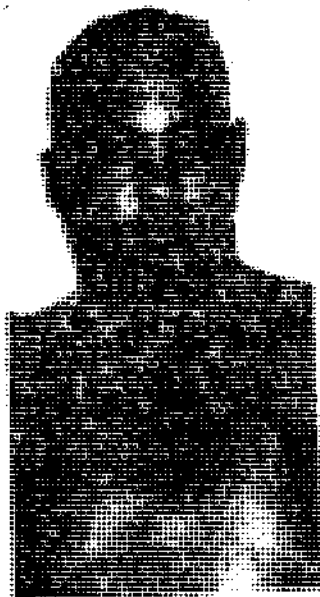
The match tops a six-bout bill that will feature four Negro girl wrestlers in a tag team special event.

Gomez, angered because Medico had thrown his sensational win into dispute, was eager to settle the argument in the ring with the masked man, and leaped at the chance to put the title on the line.

Ethel Johnson, Texas Negro girls champion, joins forces with a newcomer to Houston fans, Lula Mae Provo, in the one fall to a finish feature supporting scrap. The pair of popular stars go in against the rough and ready tactics of Babs Wingo and Louise Greene in a match that should be a sizzler.

Tokyo Joe, whose impressive, brick-breaking chops are making him a real threat to top bout honors, makes his third start here when he faces unbeaten Thor Hagen in the semifinal.

Luis Martinez, husky Chi-



TOKYO JOE
To Wrestle Thor Hagen

cago star, goes in against Irish Danny McShane in the top prelim event.

Country Boy Calhoun, 552 pounder who made a terrific hit last week, makes his second start when he faces chunky Rocky Colombo in the second scrap.

Action gets under way in rapid fashion when Dirty Don Evans tangles with Bill Fletcher the Boise Bombshell.

Gomez, El Medico Seek Title Scrap

The Texas state title and a guaranteed chance at the world's heavyweight title in the very near future will be the prize when Pepper Gomez goes against El Medico in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Gomez, who has stated that he would be out to win in two straight falls even before promoter Morris Sigel offered the chance at Louis Thesz to the winner, has not swerved from his purpose and will be out to upset the masked man as quickly as possible.

Medico, with a draw with Thesz on the record books the last time Lou was here, is anxious to get him in the ring again and to prove that when the Texas state belt was taken from him two weeks ago it was done illegally because one of the falls he lost was on a disqualification.

Four Negro grapplerettes, among the best girl wrestlers in the country, will go into the one-fall-to-a-finish special event.

Ethel Johnson will join with Lula Mae Provo, a newcomer to Houston fans, to face Babs Wingo and Louise Greene in the promising spectacular.

Four other bouts round out the bill. In the semifinal Tokyo Joe makes his third bid for a win when he takes on undefeated Thor Hagen.

Country Boy Calhoun, 552 pounds of lullbilly, will try to put his weight where it will do the most good when he meets Rocky Colombo in the second scrap.

Action begins at 8:30 when Bill Fletcher takes on Don Evans in the opener. Tickets are on sale at the City Auditorium box office all day. CA 7-8766. Prices: \$1.10; \$1.75; \$2.30; \$2.75.

FEBRUARY 22, 1957

Title Bout Goes To Mat Winner

El Medico, the masked mat man from Mexico, battles Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight and the winner has been guaranteed a crack at the world's heavyweight title in the near future as well as winning the Texas championship.

Promoter Morris Sigel threw fuel on the fire that has blazed between the pair by offering the chance at Louis Thesz to the winner.

Medico, smarting at the fact that he was deprived of his title even though one of the falls he lost to Gomez two weeks ago was on a disqualification, believes he is in the best shape he has reached since coming to this country last September.

Four of the country's top Negro girl wrestlers will be seen in a special attraction.

Ethel Johnson takes a newcomer, Lula Mae Provo, as her partner in the one fall to a finish match when they face Louise Greene and Babs Wingo.

Four other matches make up the card. Tokyo Joe, who will step in against unbeaten and popular Thor Hagen in the semifinal.

Irish Danny McShane will try his two-fisted methods against husky Luis Martinez in the top prelim.

Country Boy Calhoun, 552 pounds, will make his second start here when he tries to crush chunky Rocky Columbo. Bill Fletcher meets Don Evans in the opener.

Medico Ready For All-Out Duel In Bout With Gomez

Mexico's masked mat man, the rough-wrestling El Medico, is ready for an all-out showdown when he meets Pepper Gomez for the right to face world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz.

The pair meet at the City Auditorium Friday night and the masked champion of Texas and Mexico has served notice that he intends to blast Gomez out of his path.

"Medico came here from Mexico to win the world's title," said the interpreter. "In Mexico he is recognized as the champion, but he wants the N.W.A. belt because that means world recognition. He doesn't think Gomez can stop him."

Gomez Confident Of Straight Fall Win

Pepper Gomez plans to win in two straight falls over El Medico when they tangle in Friday's main event at the City Auditorium. The youngster is irritated because the masked man has clouded his recent title win by claiming the belt never should have changed hands.

"I will leave no room for doubt Friday," said Pepper. "With a few matches under my belt now I feel like a million and I don't think he'll be able to get a fall on me."

He knows from experience that Medico will be mighty hard to handle.

The match will have to step lively to keep the special event, a one-fall tag team tussle between four of the nation's top Negro girl stars, from stealing the show.

Gomez, Medico Set Title Match

Pepper Gomez puts his Texas state heavyweight title on the line in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night when El Medico, the masked man from whom he won the belt two weeks ago, gets a chance to prove that it never should have been taken away from him.

Gomez jumped at the chance to give Medico another try when the hooded grappler's fan clubs started loud complaints that the title changed hands illegally and robbed Pepper's sensational win of some of its luster.

Medico lost one fall to Gomez on a disqualification and referee Otto Kuss ruled that because the penalty fall was not the final fall of the match the title could change hands.

Four Negro girl wrestlers go into the special added attraction, a one fall to a finish tag team battle that has show stealing possibilities. Ethel Johnson and Lula Mae Provo

join forces in the four-way fracas to face the rough wrestling style of Louise Greene and Babs Wingo.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Bruestore, CA 2-2727. Prices \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.20 and \$2.75.

Thor Hagen, unbeaten here to date, risks his record against the tough Oriental who is creating quite a stir, Tokyo Joe.

Luis Martinez makes a bid for top bout honors when he takes on Irish Danny McShane.

Country Boy Calhoun makes his second start when he meets Rocky Columbo.

Don Evans is due for a tough scrap when he faces Bill Fletcher of Boise, Idaho.

FEBRUARY 22, 1951

Gomez Defends Title Against Medico Tonight

Pepper Gomez defends his Texas state heavyweight title against the all-out attack of El Medico in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night but in addition to the state crown both men will be battling for a promised chance at world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz in the very near future.

MEDICO, IN top shape and ready to prove that Pepper's win two weeks ago was due to the fact that he had Strangler Lewis in his corner, will be set to go at top speed. Lewis will not be in Gomez's corner but



PEPPER GOMEZ
Thesz for the Winner

Black Guzman will.

Four Negro girls, considered to be among the top grappling stars of the nation, will see action in the special event. Babs Wingo, New Orleans roughster, will have Louise Greene of Cincinnati as her partner when they face the speedy and clever teamwork of Ethel Johnson and newcomer Lula Mae Provo.

Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, CA-7-8766. Prices are: \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

THOR HAGEN, undefeated in the local ring and rated as a good bet for top match recognition, will try his brand of science against the judo chops of Tokyo Joe. Joe has made a terrific impression in his matches here to date.

In the balance of the bill Irish Danny McShane will face Luis Martinez in the top prelim; Country Boy Calhoun goes against Rocky Columbo while Dirty Don Evans faces Navy man Bill Fletcher in the opener at 8:30 PM.

Gomez' Kick Beats Medico

Pepper Gomez threw an explosive dropkick at El Medico's middle in the final fall of their 3-fall scrap at the City Auditorium Friday night and not only retained his Texas state title but won the right to meet world's champion Lou Thesz Friday night.

Medico rolled on the canvas and claimed he had been fouled but Referee Marvin Jones maintained he was in a position to see the kick land and that it was a fair blow. Gomez left the ring with an ovation.

PEPPER WAS SLOW getting started and lost the first fall to a new blow Medico used, an elbow wallop that made Pepper an easy mark for the fall. In the second fall Gomez was a ball of fire as his masked opponent attacked him on the way into the ring. Pepper tore into Medico, finally disposing of him with a twisting head scissor.

Irish Danny McShane stole the show again as he and Luis Martinez turned in a wild 15-minute draw that found both men bleeding badly. Some of the roughest wrestling of the year was used in the all out battle.

ETHEL JOHNSON and Lula Mae Provo won the tag team event from Babs Wingo and Louise Greene as Ethel took a fall on the Greene girl with a dropkick.

Tokyo Joe scored in the semifinal when he beat Thor Hagen with a stomach claw to hand the Minneapolis matman his first defeat here.

Country Boy Calhoun won over Rocky Columbo. The 552 pounder won by the simple expedient of pouncing on his opponent with all of his weight.

Dirty Don Evans took the opener from Bill Fletcher with a hammer lock.

Gomez Retains Wrestling Title

Pepper Gomez earned a shot at world champ Louis Thesz by defeating El Medico to retain his state wrestling title in a best-of-three-fall match at the City Auditorium last night.

Popular Pepper unleashed a tremendous dropkick to the masked man's middle to gain the deciding third fall. El Medico had won the first fall with an elbow wallop that stunned Gomez, but the champ took the second with a twisting head scissor.

Danny McShane and Luis Martinez drew in a bloody 15-minute prelim, and Tokyo Joe topped Thor Hagen in the semifinal. Ethel Johnson and Lula Mae Provo won the tag team event from Babs Wingo and Louise Greene. Country Boy Calhoun downed Rocky Columbo and Don Evans stopped Bill Fletcher.

MARCH 1, 1957

Lou Thesz Faces Big Assignment

Louis Thesz defends his world's heavyweight title against the attack of Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night and mat experts across the country are predicting that the champion will face the toughest challenge of his long career.

Gomez scored over the champion the last time they faced each other in Houston and since that time he has been coached by one of the world's great grapplers and former manager of Thesz, Ed "Strangler" Lewis. That coaching could spell the difference in Friday's battle and Pepper plans to make maximum use of everything he has learned.

Thesz will have the odds against him for one of the few times that he has defended his crown in the local ring. Pepper's amazing recovery from a recent operation and his display of physical condition and speed since his return to action indicate that Thesz will face a scrap that should be a real crowd pleaser all the way.

Friday's title test belongs in the Coliseum instead of the City Auditorium but because of the rodeo it will be in the smaller building. Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727. Prices: \$1.50, \$2.20, \$2.75 and \$3.70.

In the semifinal, a United Nations scrap is due to break loose when Tokyo Joe, tough Oriental, faces the Irish type slugging of Danny McShane.

Bobby Managoff will be making a main event bid when he goes in against Iron Mike in the special added attraction.

The Bulldog, tough Omaha grappler, will face a mountainous task when he takes on Country Boy Calhoun, 552-pound Arkansas farm youngster.

Don Evans tangles with Joe Christy and Larry Chene tackles Maurice Vachon to round out the card.

Thesz Boiling Mad at Lewis' Helping Pepper

Louis Thesz will step into the ring mad to the boiling point when he faces Pepper Gomez in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night and he expects to throw caution to the winds.

"I rarely have any personal feeling in a scrap except to protect my title," admits Thesz, "but the way Gomez and Guzman have been working with Ed Lewis to undermine my title has gone a little too far. I think it is unethical and unfair."

"There's only one thing to do," summed up Lou, "and that is to change my style. get rougher than I have ever gotten and to show Gomez that there is a side of me that even Lewis has never seen. And I know he can't beat that side."

Gomez Believes Lewis' Coaching Will Help Him

Texas champion Pepper Gomez believes that the coaching he has received from Ed (Strangler) Lewis will help him in his battle with world champion Louis Thesz at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Pepper declined to say just how much of Lou's weaknesses Lewis had revealed to him or just how he would make use of the knowledge but he did express satisfaction with the injection of Lewis into his training program in recent weeks.

Gomez's manager, Black Guzman, believes that Pepper's chances on Friday are brighter than they were in September when the fiery Latin American won over Thesz in a battle for the country's No. 2 rating.

MARCH 13, 1957

Thesz, Gomez In Title Match

Gomez Called No. 2 on Mats

Pepper Gomez has again received official recognition as the No. 2 man in the mat sport on the eve on his efforts to take the world's heavyweight title away from Louis Thesz. Gomez battles the champion at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Pepper held official status as second man on the ladder last September when he beat Thesz in a wild Coliseum battle during Lou's efforts to get a return try for the title. That match entitled Pepper to first crack at the crown but Thesz out-politicked the Latin American to get the scrap in St. Louis and win the title.

Gomez is certain that he can repeat his victory of last September and will be out to prove that his convictions are sound. His recent coaching by Strangler Lewis, former manager of Thesz, is expected to have a big effect on the outcome of Friday's all-important tussle.

Black Guzman plans to make Pepper's status as No. 2 man the shortest on record by exchanging it for the top slot Friday.

Louis Thesz defends his world's heavyweight title against the capable assault of Pepper Gomez, holder of the Texas state crown and rated as the No. 2 man in the mat game, in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Gomez received official notice of his rating as the second man in the sport this week and plans to change the numbers with Thesz in their two out of three fall clash. Pepper is one of the few men in the world who can point to a victory over Thesz, a win he scored here last September, and he hopes to repeat that tally tonight.

Thesz will have his hands full. Gomez is in top condition after a siege of training and some sensational matches, and

Lou knows that his opponent is armed with inside information concerning his weak spots. This information was gleaned in workouts with Strangler Lewis, former manager of the champion, who has been helping Pepper since the first of the year.

Tonight's card belongs in the Coliseum but because of the rodeo will be in the City Auditorium. There are still tickets available, and they are on sale at the City Auditorium box office all day. CA 7-8766. Tickets are priced at \$1.50, \$2.20, \$2.75 and \$3.70.

Irish Danny McShane and Tokyo Joe will try to prove which is the toughest when they bang away at each other in the semifinal of the six-match card.

Chicago star Bobby Managoff will try to keep his unbeaten record intact when he takes on Iron Mike.

Country Boy Calhoun, 552-pound Arkansas hillbilly, will try to sit astride the Bulldog in the top prelim.

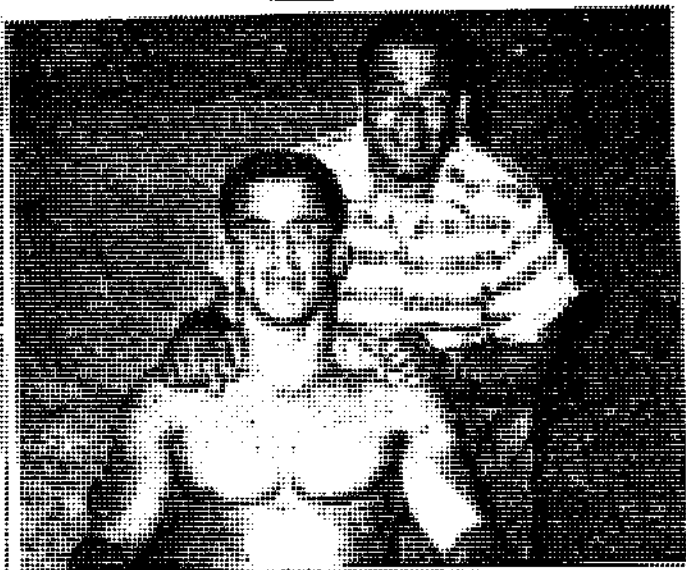
NWA Rates Gomez 2nd

Pepper Gomez plans to make a quick exchange of the number 2 rating he has just received from the NWA. The fiery Latin American meets world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz in Friday's final event at the City Auditorium and is prepared to reverse their positions.

"I beat Thesz for the number 2 spot last September," said Gomez when he received the wire announcing his new rating, "and this time I'll beat him again and he can have the number 2 spot he didn't get the last time he wrestled me."

Friday's card is of Coliseum proportions even though it will be at the Auditorium due to the rodeo holding down the big building. Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727.

MARCH 15, 1959



PEPPER GOMEZ READY
Manager Black Guzman in His Corner

GOMEZ VS THESZ

World Mat Crown At Stake Tonight

Pepper Gomez, number two man in the mat game, makes a bid for the world's heavyweight wrestling crown when he faces champion Louis Thesz in the main event at the City Auditorium tonight.

Thesz, worried because Pepper has had the benefit of training under his former manager, Strangler Lewis, plans to change his style and add some rough house tactics.

Pepper rates the edge due to the victory he scored over Thesz last September and the amazing manner in which he has wrestled since his return to competition three weeks ago.

Thesz is well aware Gomez is one of the fastest and hardest men to wrestle. Gomez has

hit the best peak of physical perfection under the physical conditioning program of Eddie Wojecki, Rice trainer.

Six matches make up the card. Irish Danny McShane goes in against Tokyo Joe in the promising semi final.

Bobby Managoff is due for a battle when he faces Iron Mike in the added attraction.

The Bulldog, Mike's tag team partner, tackles a man mountain in Country Boy Calhoun in the top prelim.

Dirty Don Evans and Joe (Killer) Christy meet in the second scrap.

Action gets underway at 8:30 when Larry Chene tries his leaps and kicks against Mad Maurice Vachon.

Thesz, Gomez Battle to Draw In Mat Feature

Louis Thesz remains the world heavyweight wrestling champion today.

He held his N.W.A. belt intact Friday by battling determined Peter Gomez to a 90-minute draw.

An overflow crowd thought Gomez was home free as he took the first fall. He used a twisting head scissors that pinned the champion after 9:07 of hectic, furious action.

Thesz proved why he is ranked one of the world's greatest by bouncing back in the second fall to knock Gomez cold on a surprising drop kick to even the match.

The champion took the offensive in the final fall, but after 37 minutes of battling the match was declared a draw.

Irish Danny McShane beat Tokyo Joe in the wild semi-final brawls.

In prelims Bobby Managoff beat Iron Mike, Country Boy Calhoun continued to bounce to victory, earning his third straight by failing on The Bulldog; Dirty Don Evans and Joe Christy were both disqualified for roughness, and Leaping Larry Chene lost the opener to Maurice Vachon after injuring his knee.

MARCH 15, 1957

Gomez to Risk Crown Friday

Pepper Gomez puts his Texas state heavyweight belt on the line against the rough and rugged challenge of Buddy Rogers in the final event of promoter Morris Sigel's six match, double main event bill at City Auditorium Friday night.

The companion feature puts the Brass Knucks trophy at stake. Neither of the two top bouts will be seen on television.

Gomez fingered Rogers as the man he wanted to tangle with when Buddy battled to a sizzling stalemate with El Medico last week in a match that was billed to eliminate one of them as a challenger.

Irish Danny McShane gets a chance to take the Brass Knucks trophy from El Medico in the other feature event of the high powered program. McShane is more than ready

to repeat the bloody wallop- ing he handed the masked man several weeks ago and makes no bones about the fact that he considers the Brass Knucks title more important than the world's heavyweight title.

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA-2-2727.

Duke Keomuka, the Japanese judo ace, makes his first appearance here this year when he takes on the colorful Samoan grappler Prince Matava in the semi final.

Luis Martinez, popular Mexican favorite, faces Dirty Don Evans in a top prelim that has show stealing possibilities.

Leaping Larry Chene goes in against tough Art Nelson and the Amazing Zuma faces Mad Maurice Vachon to get the action underway.

MARCH 22, 1957

Gomez Risks State Mat Title

Wrestling promoter Morris Sigel hands his fans a sensational six match card at City Auditorium tonight and tops the bill with a pair of two out of 3 fall matches that should be sizzlers.

The Texas state title will be on the line in the final event of the evening when Pepper Gomez risks his belt against the new and improved version of the stomach claw introduced last week by Duke Keomuka.

Country Boy Calhoun, 552 pound super heavyweight from Arkansas, will get his first start in a main event when he goes into the other half of the twin bill against Irish Danny McShane.

Four other matches round out the big bill. Newcomer Bennie Matta will be out to prove his reputation with the

Houston fans when he faces Dirty Don Evans in the semi-final.

Ray Piret, former Air Force pilot and well liked here two years ago, returns to tangle with Art Nelson.

Jim Blood, Lodi, California mat star, makes his bow when he takes on popular Luis Martinez.

Bobby Managoff will get things off to an action packed start when he meets Joe (Killer) Christy in the opener at 8:30.

APRIL 19, 1957

Gomez-Jonathan Victor Due to Meet Lou Thesz

The Texas state heavyweight title goes on the line in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night when Pepper Gomez, noted as a giant killer on his record against big men in the mat game, faces a man mountain from Utah, Don Leo Jonathan.

Jonathan is after a match with world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz and Promoter Morris Sigel has promised the winner a crack at the champion. However, Sigel is having troubles of his own and has been unable to get the champion to agree to meet either Gomez or Jonathan.

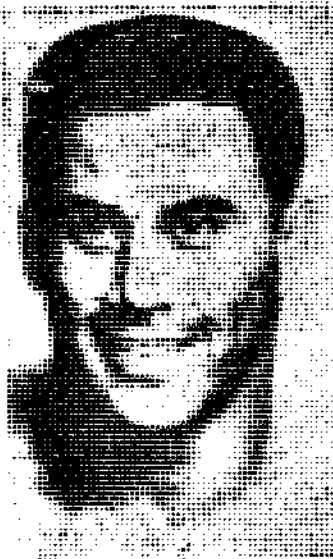
Jonathan is noted as a rough grappler and has been in the ring a total time of less than 10 minutes in scoring his three wins here.

El Medico will have his hands full in the semifinal when he tries to stop the winning streak of young Pet Brown, rapidly becoming a favorite of fans here. A win Friday night would put Brown in the main event spot next week.

Rito Romero will use his potent and crowd-pleasing style against a rugged opponent when he meets Irish Danny McShane.

Battling Bull Curry and Joe "Killer" Christy, a pair of men who like nothing better than to swing fists, square off in the second scrap.

Dirty Don Evans will be ready to spoil the good impres-



PEPPER GOMEZ
Faces A Man Mountain

sion already made by Minneapolis star Red Bastien when they meet in the 8:30 PM opener. Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, CA-7-8766. They are priced at \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

WRESTLING

CITY AUDITORIUM, FRIDAY, APRIL 19th, 8:30 P.M.

THE GIANT KILLER FACES A MAN MOUNTAIN!
THE TEXAS STATE TITLE IS AT STAKE!

PEPPER GOMEZ vs. **DON LEO JONATHAN**

Texas Champion

305-Lb. Challenger

THE WINNER HAS BEEN PROMISED A WORLD TITLE MATCH!

STANDOUT, SIZZLING SEMIFINAL SCRAP!
EL MEDICO vs. **"PET" BROWN**

Tickets on Sale . . . Tuesday . . . Auditorium Hotel Drugstore
Reservations . . . CA 2-2727 . . . Tickets: \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30, \$2.75
Morris Sigel, Promoter . . . Reserved Section for Negro Fans

Thesz Trying To Dodge Bout With Friday's Winner

Wrestling promoter Morris Sigel has promised the winner of Friday's main event scrap at the City Auditorium between Pepper Gomez and Don Leo Jonathan a crack at world heavyweight champion Louis Thesz but he can't get the champion to sign the contract.

"Thesz told me he would just avoid Houston on his next trip to Texas," said Sigel, "but I don't intend to let him do that if I have to go to the commission to force the match. He sidestepped Jonathan when I offered him that match and turned Gomez,

MAY 31, 1957

Jonathan, Gomez Clash for Title

Texas state champion Don Leo Jonathan, the 305-pound super-heavyweight, risks his belt against the fiery attack of Pepper Gomez in the main event at City Auditorium tonight.

Gomez, who has an amazing record of being able to bounce back and beat any man who has scored over him, figures that he will turn loose a whirlwind attack on Jonathan that will concentrate on the huge grappler's weak points and beat him.

Pepper has planned and trained for tonight's tilt ever since Don Leo won the title

from him in April and is in perfect condition to go at top speed no matter how long tonight's match may last.

El Medico faces a buzzsaw when he goes in against colorful Red Bastien in the semi-final.

Bill Curry throws his unorthodox style against Rito Romero in the top prelim.

Emerson Crozier goes after the Texas state title for Negro wrestlers when he meets champion Tiger Conway.

Dirty Don Evans faces Gory Guerrero in the opener at 8:30.

JUNE 14, 1957

2 Main Events On Mat Card

Two main events, each packed with explosive action, top the mat bill at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Red Bastien, the buzzsaw from Minneapolis, gets his first main event chance here when he steps in against Mexico's masked champion El Medico over the two out of three fall route with a 90-minute time limit.

Bastien is undefeated here and has turned in some terrific scraps. Two weeks ago he met Medico and wound up with a sensational draw.

Medico is gunning for another crack at Don Leo Jonathan and is risking his chance of getting it in the match with Red.

Pepper Gomez goes into the other half of the twin bill when he battles against one of the most vicious of all the Oriental grapplers, Tokyo Joe.

Joe has been handing Pepper some bitter medicine in tag-team matches recently by beating Pepper's partners and the muscular Mexican is anxious to hurl a solo attack at the judo chopper from Singapore that will more than make up for the losses. The match goes for two out of three falls.

Bull Curry will have a battle on his hands when he faces Jimmy Hady, the hustling newcomer from Detroit who made such a great hit here last week.

Luigi Macera, one of the foremost favorites of the fans last year, returns for his first action of the year here when he meets huge Fritz von Ulm in the second scrap.

Newcomer Billy Wicks faces a tough assignment when he goes in against "Lumberjack" Al Mills in the pacesetter.



PEPPER GOMEZ



TOKYO JOE

Clash in Co-Feature

AUGUST 2, 1957

Gomez-Medico Risk Tag Title

Pepper Gomez and El Medico put their Texas tag-team title on the line against the explosive assault of Johnny Valentine and Don Leo Jonathan in the 2 out of 3 fall final event at the City Auditorium on Friday night.

Valentine, angered because he was unable to unmask Medico last week in a wild brawl, jumped at the chance to pool his rugged style with the super heavyweight assault of Jonathan looks forward to the chance of getting the masked man's hood off in the tag battle.

★ ★ ★

Jonathan already holds the Texas state title and wants to add the team trophy to his collection in an effort to get another chance at world's heavyweight champion Louis Thesz here in the near future.

A semi final that will put a youngster to the top test of his career here unfolds when Nicky Bockwinkle, popular West Coast youngster, goes in against the wild tactics of Battling Bull Curry. Nicky is after a top shot and a win over Bull could get it for him.

Kentucky coal miner Ike Eakins returns here after 4 years of ruling the roost in the

Midwest to take on capable Joe Blanchard in the top prelim.

Don Whittler battles Dynamite Danny Savich in the second scrap while newcomer Con Bruno takes on Luigi Macera in the opener. Tickets are on sale tomorrow at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1957

Ivan Risks Mat Crown Against Gomez Tonight

Ivan the Terrible puts his newly won Texas state heavy-weight title on the block in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night when he faces Pepper Gomez over the two out of three fall route in a match that should be brutal, fast and crowd-pleasing.

THE BEARDED Armenian broke two of Don Jonathan's ribs in taking the state title away from him last Friday, using a brand new grip, a rolling bear hug, to accomplish the win and the injury. The Armenian threatens Gomez with the same kind of punishment in their tilt Friday night but Gomez has been forewarned and is ready to counter the move.

Tickets are on sale all day at the City Auditorium box office, CA 7-8766. Tickets are priced at \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75. The two final matches of the card will not be televised.

Duke Keomuka, who stopped El Santo's meteoric rise here last week, hopes to make it two in a row over the silver-masked man in Friday night's one fall to a finish special event.

Midget girl wrestlers will go into the other one fall to a finish special event when Doll Paige tries to repeat her victory over Gypsy Rose.

RIP ROGERS, rugged Florida grappler, goes after a win when he tangles with Luigi Macera over the 15-minute route. El Medico will be out to counter the powerhouse tactics of the Mighty Atlas in the top prelim. Big Ike Eakins, the Kentucky coal miner gets the action underway at 8:30 PM when he takes on Chet Wallick.



PEPPER GOMEZ
Face Rolling Bear Hug

SEPTEMBER 20, 1957

Gomez, Medico Defend Tag Team Title Tonight

Pepper Gomez and El Medico will defend their Texas state tag team title against the roughhouse attack of Ivan the Terrible and Nikita Zoloff in one of the two main events at the City Auditorium tonight.

A third referee has been requested to be on duty in the ring because the scrap is expected to erupt in wild fashion, but no decision on the extra official has been an-

nounced from deputy commissioner Billy Smith.

El Santo will try his aerial tactics against Rip Rogers, in the companion feature event which is also for two out of three falls.

Dirty Dick Raines returns from Australia to tangle with Mighty Atlas.

Bob Nandor, husky Hungarian, who made such a great hit here last week, goes against Dynamite Danny Sa-

Jim La Rock takes on Lulgi Macera in the opener at 8:30.



GRAPPLING WITH THE PROBLEM

Wrestlers Mighty Atlas, left, and Pepper Gomez come to grips with Paul Boesch as they prepare for

their new TV show, What's Your Problem. It debuts at 5 p.m. today on KTRK-TV.

PREMIERE

Today at 5:00



"WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?"

Fun and funny answers to people's "problems" on this new show starring Paul Boesch and guest panelists. You have a problem? They'll "answer" it!

The turn is to
KTRK-TV



OCTOBER 5, 1957

Gomez, Medico In Showdown Bout

Pepper Gomez, his temper honed to a fine edge, will take on a double task at the City Auditorium tonight when he tries to take the Texas state heavyweight belt away from El Medico and get even with the masked grappler for their break-up as tag team partners two weeks ago.

The shift of the mat sport from its usual Friday night spot to tonight has given the grapplers an extra day of training which they have put to good use.

Medico puts all the blame for their violent quarrel on the shoulders of Gomez who crashed him with a right hand to the jaw and knocked him cold, starting the melee. Gomez tried to patch things up at first, insisting that he had given the duck signal to his former partner but that the masked man had not complied.

Judy Grable, the pretty blonde from Florida who was such a hit here last spring, returns to action tonight in the two out of three fall semi-

final when she faces the Magnificent Moolah.

Luigi Macera, young Italian, will be out to spoil the impression made by Kurt Von Poppenheim.

Rip Rogers goes in against Paul of France.

Action gets under way at 8:30 when a pair of newcomers scramble with big Buddy Lee taking on Boston's Marco Polo.

Pepper Gomez To Shoot Works In El Medico Bout

Pepper Gomez is primed for the effort of his life when he goes in against El Medico in the main event of Saturday's mat card at the City Auditorium.

"This means more to me than a world's title match," admitted Pepper as he wound up a hard training session. "Medico is trying to make fans believe that I deliberately started the trouble between us and the only way I can prevent it is in the ring."

Black Guzman, Pepper's manager, admits that he has never seen Pepper put more effort into his workouts. The fiery young Latin American has been helped by Luigi Macera, his stablemate, who meets Kurt Von Poppenheim on Saturday and is being bruised plenty by Pepper's spirited workouts.

OCTOBER 18, 1957

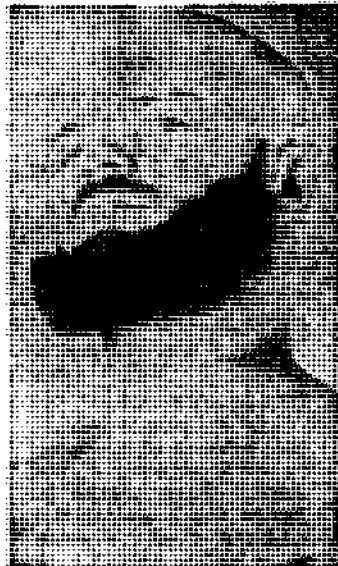
Medico-Gomez Brawl To Head 6-Match Card

El Medico will face the battering ram tactics of Pepper Gomez in the final event of a six-match card at the Sam Houston Coliseum Friday night to settle the bloody grudge that has turned Texas wrestling into a riotous affair.

No matter how many falls it takes, Friday's scrap at the Coliseum will not end until either Gomez or Medico has admitted he is beaten or is carried out of the ring unable to continue. Both demanded the chance to settle the issue on that basis.

TWO WEEKS AGO their wild brawl put two referees on the injured list, handed Gomez a broken nose and two stitches in his scalp and had Medico bleeding badly. Two customers couldn't stand the excitement and were hospitalized by ambulance from the Auditorium with heart attacks.

Fans descended on Promoter Morris Sigel to bring it back. With more than 2,000 turned



IVAN THE RUSSIAN
Tackles Brown Panther

away from the last meeting, Sigel signed the Coliseum for the scrap and from all indications the battle will sell out in that building too.

Two referees will be assigned to the match. One will work outside the ring and one within. Each will carry authority to issue a verdict.

Tickets will go on sale Monday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, Capitol 2-2727. Tickets are priced at \$1.20, \$1.85, \$2.50 and \$3. Out-of-town fans can send a check or money order to Gulf A. C., Milam Building, Houston 2. There is no service or mail charge.

THE WORLD'S ONLY Negro midget wrestler will make his first appearance here when The Brown Panther faces Ivan the Russian in the special event. The bout will not be seen on TV but promises to steal the show as the young Negro athlete tangles with the Russian roughster.

Japan's champion, Mr. Moto, makes his first start in a long while when he goes in against Bob Nandor the Hungarian champion. The scrap is a semi-final.

Marco Polo meets Duke Keomuka in the top prelim.

The Mighty Atlas will try his strength against Paul of France in the second scrap.

Newcomer Doc Gallagher will make his bow against the well built boy from Edmonton, Alberta, Reggie Parks.

OCTOBER 18, 1957

Gomez Faces Medico Again

A renewal of the wildest and bloodiest wrestling match ever held in Houston is scheduled tomorrow night at the Sam Houston Coliseum, and Promoter Morris Sigel is wondering what sort of monster he has created in allowing the re-match.

It sends popular Pepper Gomez against El Medico, the masked Mexican. The last time they met the match wound up in wild disorder, with both wrestlers disqualified, one put in handcuffs by police and with two spectators taken to hospitals as a result of heart attacks.

Fans demanded that they be brought back, and almost against his better judgment Sigel consented, and it has been scheduled on a no-time-limit, no-disqualification, no-fall-limit basis. In other words, a finish fight.

★ ★ ★

"Now," Sigel commented today, "I find that feeling among the fans has become awfully intense. I just hope it doesn't turn out to be a promotional mistake, allowing these boys to meet again as long as the feeling is this high."

Gomez received a broken nose in the battle, but it became incidental to everything else that went on. Old timers who have watched Houston wrestling for many years say there has never been anything the equal of it.

"I don't know what other people think," Sigel went on, "but I'm certain it was the wildest night I've seen in 41 years in this business. And I'm afraid tomorrow night will be a repetition of it."

★ ★ ★

Extra police have been detailed to the Coliseum, to afford maximum protection to both wrestlers and fans. Sigel anticipates one of the greatest crowds of the year.

Otto Kuss and Marvin Jones will be the referees, and their job will be tougher than that of the cops.

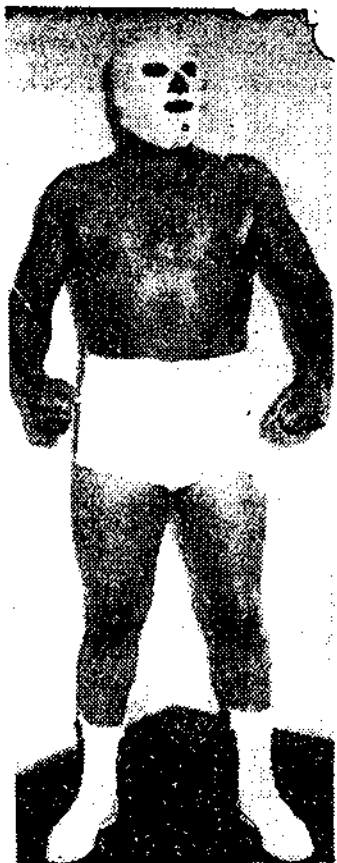
★ ★ ★

Five other good matches are on the program. A special added attraction matches two midget grapplers, the Brown Panther and Ivan the Russian, in a one-fall-to-a-finish scrap.

Mr. Molo returns to meet Bob Nador in a one-fall, 20-minute scrap, and there will be three one-fall, 15-minute scraps matching Marco Polo against Duke Keomuka, Paul of France against the Mighty Atlas, and Doc Gallagher against Rex



READY—Both Pepper Gomez and the masked El Medico are in perfect condition for their grudge battle at the Coliseum Friday night. The two wrestlers have been feuding since a misunderstanding a few weeks ago.



OCTOBER 18, 1957

Gomez, Medico Clash Tonight

A riotous free for all is in prospect for mat fans at the Sam Houston Coliseum tonight when Pepper Gomez and El Medico face each other in a match that will not end until one man is carried out of the ring or quits no matter how many falls it takes.

Two referees will be on duty, one in the ring and one on the outside, and extra police will be patrolling the ring-side ready to assist the officials to keep order if the match flows over into the ringside seats.

Gomez is in perfect shape, his broken nose is completely healed and he is ready to go the limit. The scrappy Mexican has said that he will be ready to go a hundred falls if necessary to whip the masked man but Medico has countered that he intends to blast his opponent out of the running in one furious fall.

Midget wrestlers meet in the one fall to a finish special event which will not be televised.

The Brown Panther, a perfectly formed athlete of just 43 inches and 97 pounds who also is the only Negro midget in the mat game, will make

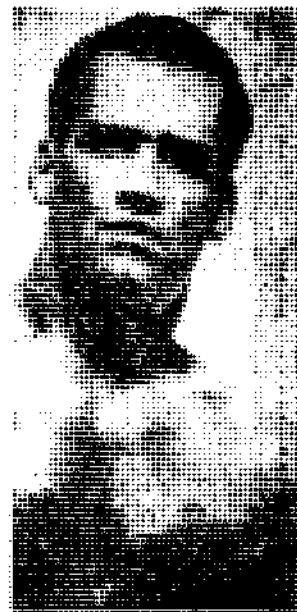
his debut against Ivan the Russian in the spotlighted scrap.

Mr. Moto, Japan's highly rated champion, returns to face Hungarian star Bob Nandor.

Duke Keomuka, will go in against Marco Polo in the top prelim.

Paul of France faces the Mighty Atlas in the second scrap.

The 8.30 opener marks the debut of Doc Gallagher when the Bayonne, N.J. grappler faces Canadian ace Reg Parks.



PAUL OF FRANCE

In Mat Prelim

NOVEMBER 1, 1957

WRESTLING
CITY AUDITORIUM FRIDAY, NOV. 1 8:30 P.M.
FOR THE TEXAS HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE!
PEPPER GOMEZ vs EL MEDICO
Hot Challenger Champion
FOR THE TEXAS STATE TAG TEAM TITLE!
Mr. Moto and Duke Keomuka vs Paul of France and Mighty Atlas
TICKETS ON SALE AUDITORIUM HOTEL DRUGSTORE
RESERVATIONS: CA 2-2727 PRICES: \$1.10; \$1.75; \$2.30; \$2.75
Morris Sigel, Promoter - Reserved Section for Negro Fans!

2 Title Bouts Slated Friday

Pepper Gomez, the uncrowned king of Texas wrestling, is ready to make it official when he faces El Medico in the main event at City Auditorium Friday night. Gomez won an 11-fall marathon from the masked man two weeks ago but the title was not at stake in the lengthy brawl.

Medico was forced into putting his title on the line in Friday's match although he needed no urging to take on Gomez. The pair have been at each others throats since the split up about a month ago and they intend to make Friday's fuss a "once and for all" feud finisher.

Pepper's victory over Medico was by the proverbial skin of his teeth and he had his hand raised when he was able to crawl to his feet and answer the bell for the 11th fall and Medico failed. Both men had

to be carried out of the ring and Pepper plans to make this week's clash a decisive victory over which there can be no dispute.

Another state title will be on the line in the semifinal, a match that threatens to prove whether judo can overcome the handicap of being faced with more muscle than the mat game has ever paired together before.

Duke Keomuka and Mr. Moto, holders of the Texas state tag team trophy, will take on the two strongest men in the mat world, the Mighty Atlas and Paul of France. Both Paul and Atlas have performed prodigious feats of strength and formed an alliance after wrestling each other two weeks ago and learning respect for each others style.

The parade of new faces will



PEPPER GOMEZ

Gets shot at title.

highlight the prelims with Luigi Macera out to spoil the bow of highly-touted Bull Montana, the tough Yankee, in the top prelim.

Brooklyn Irishman Crusher Dugan makes his debut when he tackles Olympic star Jim LaRock.

Action will get off to a flying start when young Billy King, a 20-year-old fireball from St. Louis, makes his start against the Salt Lake slugger Frank Jares. Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Hotel Drugstore, CA 2-2727.

NOVEMBER 15, 1957

Pepper Gomez Meets Medico

Pepper Gomez gets a crack at the Texas state heavyweight title when he meets El Medico in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night.

Two weeks ago the pair met and were both carried out of the ring after a record 11-fall match that had fans in a turmoil. Gomez won the decision and put in an immediate bid for a chance at the title, but was sidestepped by the masked man.

Pepper's fans backed him in a challenge to the winner of the match between Medico and Moto last week and there was no sidestepping when Medico managed to retain his belt after a wild scrap with the Japanese.

This week's clash, carrying with it the added prize of the coveted belt as well as the chance to settle the grudge between them once and for

all, should be a wild match.

The Texas state tag team title will go on the line in the semifinal when the champions, Mr. Moto and Duke Keomuka, risk their trophy against a strong pair to make a bid for the top honors in the dual division, the Mighty Atlas and Paul of France. The two strongmen decided to pool their talents.

New faces go into the supporting card with Bull Montana, a Yankee grappler from New England, making his bow against Luigi Macera. Crusher Dugan, another newcomer from Brooklyn, battles fast-moving Jim La Rock in his debut here.

Billy King, the good-looking bobby sox favorite from St. Louis, makes his bow when he faces Brother Frank Jares, the Mormon grappler who has not been here in five years.



PEPPER GOMEZ AND HIS WIFE ELEANOR
He Seeks to Regain Texas Wrestling Title Friday

Gomez, Medico Tangle Friday

Wrestling promoter Morris Stigel will give Pepper Gomez a chance to take the Texas state heavyweight title away from El Medico in the main event at City Auditorium Friday night.

Gomez rates the shot on the basis of his non-title victory over Medico in an 11 fall match two weeks ago and was pushed aside by Medico in favor of Mr. Moto last week.

Medico won the Moto match and tried to get by Gomez again but the veteran promoter insisted that Medico meet Pepper.

Moto's efforts against Medico last week were productive of a tough test for the masked man and should that match have taken much steam out of him he may find Gomez more than he can handle on Friday night.

Gomez Tries Again For Medico's Title Tonight

Pepper Gomez, whom fans have tagged the "uncrowned king" of Texas wrestling, will be out to make it official when he faces El Medico in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night with the masked man's Texas heavyweight belt at stake.

The match tops a card of prelims that will feature a Texas tag title match and a trio of highly-touted new faces.

MEDICO IS HOT over Pepper's claim that he is top man in the state and this added oil to their blazing feud. Deputy commissioner Billy Smith will be at ringside during the match in order to be able to certify the winner as the Texas champion.

Tickets are on sale all day Friday at the City Auditorium box office, CA-7-8766. Tickets are priced at \$1.10; \$1.75; \$2.30 and \$2.75.

Mr. Moto and Duke Keomuka will defend their Texas state tag team title against the powerhouse assault of the two strongest men in the mat game when they meet Paul of France and the Mighty Atlas in the one fall to a finish semifinal.

Luigi Macera will be out to spoil the debut of one of the three newcomers on Friday night's bill when he tries his clever tactics against a man who is said to be tougher than Bull Curry. That man is Bull Montana, the Boston heavyweight.

JIM LA ROCK, the Olympic star, will be out to ruin a tough Brooklyn Irishman before he can get started when he faces Crusher Dugan in the second scrap.

Brother Frank Jares will end a five-year absence when he steps in against capable and well liked Billy King, a youngster from Saint Louis, in the 8:30 PM opener.

NOVEMBER 29, 1957

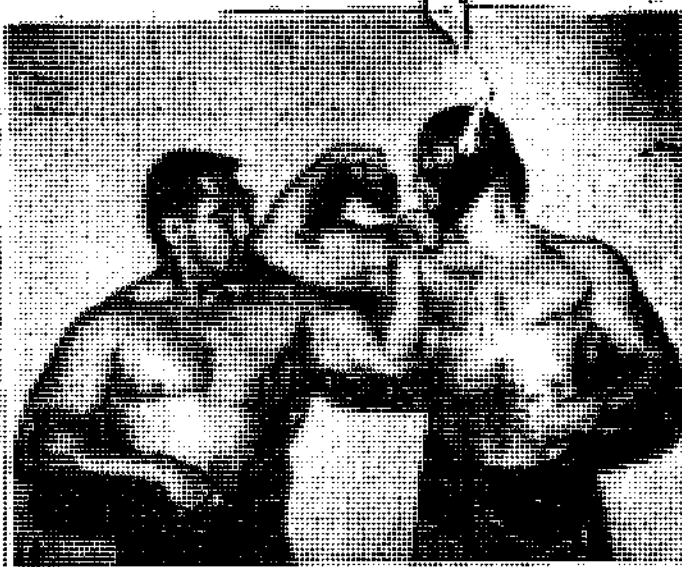
Gomez Will Stress Speed

Pepper Gomez is putting the emphasis on running and speed for his match with Bill Melby in the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night and the fiery young Mexican intends to set a blistering pace that will leave the Texas champion far behind.

One of Gomez' favorite training methods is to run up and down the steps at Rice Stadium, an exercise suggested by his friend Eddie Wojewski who often advises Pepper on his training.

"He has me running up those stairs so fast and so often you'd think I was training to be head usher," grins Pepper. "but it has given me more bounce in my legs and more stamina than I have ever had before. Eddie surely knows his business."

MAY 16, 1958



PEPPER GOMEZ AND TARZAN ZORRO
A Fight, A Mask and a Mask

Zorro-Gomez Match Will Have Postscript

Action will not stop with the finish of the main event at the City Auditorium Friday night. As a matter of fact it might increase in wildness when an added attraction to settle a grudge makes Promoter Morris Sigel's regular five match card a six bout affair.

In the two out of three fall main event Tarzan Zorro, masked matman of mighty proportions who has blasted everything that has stood in his path here in Texas, faces Pepper Gomez.

GOMEZ IS PREPARED for a tough test against a man who is bigger and rougher than he is. However, Gomez is fired up against any man who wears a mask because of his treatment at the hands of El Medico last week.

Zorro intends to use a victory Friday night as a means of forcing a match with world's champion Dick Hutton and tossing a monkey wrench in plans to match Hutton with Louis Thesz.

in the top prelim.

Ali Bey, colorful Turkish grappler, makes his return after several years of absence when he goes in against Rip Rogers.

Leaping Larry Chene will try to upset newcomer Mad Man Martin in the opener at 8:30 PM.

JULY 4, 1958

Medico, Gomez Team To Face Keomuka, Tolos

After more than a year of feuding, El Medico and Pepper Gomez have shaken hands and formed a tag team partnership again for the sole purpose of blasting Duke Keomuka and his Greek tag team mate, John "Foots" Tolos, into extinction when they tangle in the main event of the 4th of July mat bill at the City Auditorium Friday night.

THE CARD WILL be spiced by a bathing beauty contest to find Miss Texas Wrestling of 1958.

Both Medico and Gomez became targets of the combined assault of Tolos and the Jap judo expert last week, marking the second time in as many weeks that Gomez had been the object of a double deal from the pair.

It was Black Guzman who finally got Medico to yield from his obstinate stand and take Pepper's outstretched hand.

Medico and Gomez rates as one of the best tag team combinations ever to work together in a Texas ring.

More than 20 girls have already signed for the big contest to find the prettiest wrestling fan in Texas for 1958. A huge list of prizes awaits the winner who will be selected by vote of the wrestlers. Entries close Tuesday at midnight.

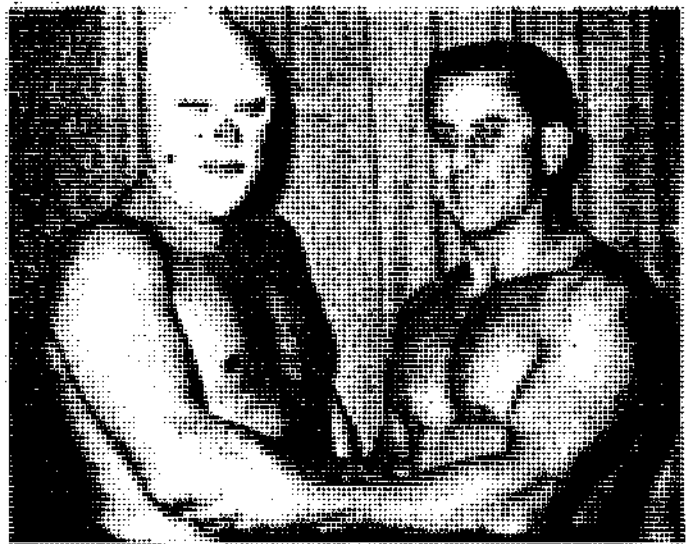
Tickets for Friday's bill go on sale Tuesday morning at the Auditorium Hotel Drug Store.

CA 2-2727. Tickets will be priced at \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

LEAPING LARRY CHENE gets the chance he has asked for when he faces Battling Bull Curry in the semifinal. Chene has asked for the Bull repeatedly and gets his chance to try his aerial tactics against him.

Dickie Steinborn, one of the brightest youngsters to hit the Texas wrestling scene in years, faces tough sledding against Ali Bey in the top prelim.

Mad Man Martin will try his bludgeoning assault on Pierre LaSalle while Stu Gibson goes against Jack Curtis Jr in the



EL MEDICO SHAKES HANDS WITH GOMEZ
They've Settled Old Feud for Friday Match

JULY 4, 1958



WRESTLING TEAM
El Medico, Maurice Bishop, Pepper Gomez

Medico, Gomez Face Duke, Tolos

Pepper Gomez and El Medico end a year of feuding when they join hands against a common enemy at the City Auditorium on Friday night and turn their talents against the roughhouse team of Duke Keomuka and John "Foots" Tolos in the two-out-of-three-fall main event.

When Keomuka and the rugged Greek grappler co-operated for the second week in a row against Gomez and then against Medico in individual matches, Black Guzman had little trouble in persuading the angry masked man to join with Gomez in an all-out battle against the two toughsters.

Medico and Gomez were once the most formidable tag team combination in Texas and with both men determined to eliminate the Jap and Tolos from the Texas mat picture, fans look for their old teamwork to come into play again in Friday's explosive scrap.

More than 20 girls have already entered and entries close on Tuesday night. The wrestlers will be the judges. Bull Curry will have his hands full when he steps in against Leaping Larry Chene in the semi-final.

Dickie Steinborn, who has caught on in a big way with fans here, tangles with Ali Bey.

Pierre La Salle will match has wallops against the tough tactics of Mad Man Martin.

Jack Curtis, Jr., faces Colonel Stu Gibson in the pace-setter.

NOVEMBER 14, 1958

Medico-Gomez Will Risk World's Title Tonight

El Medico and Pepper Gomez risk their world's tag team title and trophy in the main event at the City Auditorium on Friday night when they face the vicious challenge of the all-Japanese squad of Duke Keomuka and Tosh Togo over the two out of three fall route.

Medico has announced that he will pick up Keomuka's dare and start off the action for his team Friday night. In spite of the fact that they may have fallen into an Oriental trap by accepting the Jap's bait, Medico and Gomez are confident enough of victory to accept the offer.

GOMEZ WILL use the brain buster made famous by El Medico as his favorite weapon after working on the grip and toughening his elbow to the point where it can take plenty of hard knocks.

Tickets are on sale all day Friday at the City Auditorium box office, CA 7-8766. Tickets are priced at \$1.10, \$1.75, \$2.30 and \$2.75.

The main event will be closely watched by two of Australia's best grapplers, the Kangaroos.



PEPPER GOMEZ
Learns Brainbuster

who are in single scraps but plan on putting in a challenge to the winner. Al Costello, husky Sydney scrapper, will use his aggressive style against clever Rito Romero in the semifinal.

Roy Heffernan, the other half of the Australian team, will be on his own when he faces the husky Latin American, Luis Martinez, in the top prelim.

FREDDY FRALEY, the rock and roll wrestler who has really caught on in a big way with fans here after just one appearance of singing and wrestling, battles Russia's Sputnik and hands the fans a few rock and roll numbers in the second round.

Swede Karlsson, the other half of the team, will be on his own when he faces...
8:30 PM open

DALLAS, TEXAS

Thesz, Gomez Vie For Title Tonight

THE CARD

Main Event—Lou Thesz vs. Pepper Gomez. (For world's heavyweight title.)

Semifinal Event—Duke Keomuka and Tokyo Joe vs. Dick Brown and Lou Martinez. (For Texas tag team title.)

Third Event—Don Lee Jonathan vs. Don Evans.

Second Event—Bull Curry vs. Ray Gunkel.

First Event—Jimmy Carter vs. Tex Brady.

Pepper Gomez is ready to make an all out bid for the world's heavyweight championship when he meets Lou Thesz, the title holder, in the main event of Promoter Ed McLe-more's five-bout card that will start at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday night at the Sportatorium.

Gomez wound up two weeks of hard training under the direction of Strangler Lewis, one-time world heavyweight champion who formerly worked in Thesz' corner, in a public workout Monday afternoon at the Sportatorium.

"I'm in great shape and think I have a wonderful chance to beat Thesz," Gomez said. "Strangler has helped me im-

mensely in getting ready for this match."

Lewis vowed that he would find a new champion after a disagreement with Thesz. "I think I have found him," the Strangler said.

Gomez is one of the few wrestlers who have defeated Thesz in recent years, turning the trick last year when Thesz wasn't champion. Thesz lost his title to Whipper Billy Watson, but after losing to Gomez defeated Watson in a rematch to regain the crown.

The Thesz-Gomez title match will be over the two-out-of-three falls, 90-minute limit route.

Duke Keomuka and Tokyo Joe, the new Texas tag team champions, will defend their title against Lou Martinez and Dick (Pet) Brown in a two-out-of-three falls, 60-minute limit bout that will serve as the semifinal.

Three one-fall, 20-minute bouts will round out the card. Seeking his fourth straight win here, big Don Leo Jonathan will face Don Evans, while Bull Curry will meet Ray Gunkel and two Negro grapplers, Tex Brady and Jimmy Carter, will vie in the opener.



STRANGLER HOLD

Ed (Strangler) Lewis, left, an all-time wrestling great, applies a headlock on Blackie Guzman for the benefit of Pepper Gomez. Lewis has been coaching Gomez, who meets Lou Thesz at the Sportatorium Tuesday night for the world heavyweight crown.—Times Herald Staff Photo.

DALLAS



Bridge to Nowhere . . . Pepper Gomez, top, and Lou Thesz, NWA wrestling champion, form a bridge during action in last week's title bout at the Sportatorium. The result was dis-

puted, the purses withheld and the grapplers ordered to meet again for the crown here Tuesday. Referee is Marvin Jones. Ed (Strangler) Lewis will work in Gomez' corner.

TITLE BOUT

Gomez, Thesz Meet Tonight

Pepper Gomez will make his second bid for the world's heavy-weight championship in as many weeks when he meets Lou Thesz in an ordered rematch, feature of Ed McLemores's 5-bout wrestling card Tuesday night at the Sportatorium.

Gomez, coached by his new manager, Ed (Strangler) Lewis, gained an official draw with Thesz last week, but there was a dispute over the last two falls. The Texas commission held up purses and ordered the rematch.

The only pin-fall of the match was scored by Gomez, who claimed the title when both wrestlers were counted out while outside the ring in the second fall. He maintained Thesz had lost two straight falls. However, the match was continued and Thesz won the last fall on a disputed disqualification. It was ruled that Gomez threw him over the ropes.

Lewis, who managed Thesz for

five years, will take an active part in Gomez' corner for the rematch. The return title match will be best-of-3-falls with a 90-minute time limit.

Texas Tag-Team Champions Duke Keomuka and Tokyo Joe will risk their title in the semifinal against Rito Romero and Ray Gunkel in a 60-minute, best-of-3-falls event.

Joe Blanchard, former pro football player, will face undefeated Don Leo Jonathan in the featured preliminary. Bull Curry and Dirty Don Evans will square off in the second event and Negro heavies Emerson Crozier and Tex Brady will meet in the first of three 1-fall, 20-minute matches at 8:30.

DALLAS

Gomez Retains Grapple Title

Popular Pepper Gomez retained his Texas heavyweight wrestling championship with a straight fall victory over rough-grappling Bull Curry Tuesday night at the Sportatorium.

A series of drop kicks and a body press enabled Gomez to win the first fall of the hotly-contested match. In the second fall, Curry employed a pair of leather-covered brass knucks several times to stagger Gomez. It took Referee Otto Kuss and several arena officers to find and take the brass knucks from Curry, after which Kuss disqualified Curry.

In the co-feature, Ramon Torres won his second straight main event here, defeating Killer Joe Christie in a three-fall affair. Spinning headlocks and a body press gave Torres the first fall. Christie took the second heat when Torres ran into his knee and was counted out. Torres reversed a Boston crab applied by Christie to capture the deciding fall.

Danny (Bulldog) Pleches defeated Sammy Berg in the feature prelim after interference on his part caused his partner, Iron Mike DiBlase, to be disqualified in a match with Luigi Macera. Ray Stern and Bill Savage, subbing for absent Nanto Singh, battled to a draw in the opener.

FT. WORTH

Gomez, Lou Thesz In Draw

Pepper Gomez was as near as anyone as being the new world heavyweight wrestling champion today.

But not near enough.

Gomez was all even with champion Lou Thesz at the North Side Coliseum last night when both men took a freak fall out of the ring and both were counted out.

Thesz took the first fall and Gomez, with an airplane spin, had gained the second fall. In the third, Gomez was again attempting an airplane spin and it looked like the end of the long road for the champion.

However, Thesz grabbed a ring rope as he whirled by and it sent both men over the ropes in a nasty crash to the floor. The referee tolled "twenty" for both men before they could get back into the ring and the match was declared a draw.

In the semi-final, Bull Curry defeated Dr. Jerry Graham.

In other matches, Duke Keomuka defeated Terry Foster, Don Evans and Luigi Macera drew, Kinji Shibuya pinned Alvero Velasco and Skull Murphy and Sammy Berg drew.

FT. WORTH

Donovans (Two) Beat Gomez

Pepper Gomez almost — but not quite — had himself a one-on-two victory today.

Gomez and Suni War Cloud were to tag-team in a main event against the Donovan brothers at North Side Coliseum last night.

But the big Indian hurt his knee in an earlier match and Gomez practically took on the two foes alone. He'd have made it, too, if the rules had been kept.

After splitting a pair of falls, Suni War Cloud could not come out even to offer moral support to Gomez in the third fall. Gomez had Red Donovan going with a series of flying tackles when Doug Donovan did some sneaky rope work and Gomez crashed to the floor. As Pepper tried to return, Doug gave him a knee in the back and then Red had an easy pin.

Gomez bested Red and Suni War Cloud lost to Doug in the semi-finals, when the Indian hurt his knee.

Jim LaRock pinned Robin Hood, the Sheik of Araby was disqualified against Maurice LaPointe, Stu Gibson bested Cheto Gonzales and Big Humphrey and Len Crosby drew.

SAN ANTONIO

Pepper Gomez To Meet Thesz

Next Wednesday: Pepper Gomez vs. Lou Thesz!

By virtue of his win over Duke Keomuka in the Wrestlethon Arena main event Wednesday night, Gomez will get a chance at Heavyweight Champion Thesz' title.

In their savage no-time-limit, two-out-of-three fall match, Pepper and Duke gave the crowd a treat. Gomez took the first fall in 12:59 with a twisting head scissors. Keomuka captured the second in 14:47 with his sleeper hold. The third went to Gomez in 9:55 after a riotous exchange of judo chops and fists.

The diminutive Sky-Lo Lowe defeated Cowboy Bradley, also a midget, in 11:50 of their match. Ron Etchison suffered his third setback at the hands of Wilbur Snyder.

Tarzan Mike lost his temper in his bout with Lou Newman, and Referee Otto Kuss gave the match to Newman on a disqualification. Tony Martin got nowhere with the Australian strong boy, Roy Heffernan, and after 15 minutes of battling, Kuss called it a draw.

♦♦♦

Gomez Challenges Lou Thesz

Lou Thesz, National Wrestling alliance world heavyweight champion, will defend his title against Pepper Gomez next Wednesday night at the Wrestlethon in San Antonio.

Sept. 7 was the tentative date for the champ's local appearance but Matchmaker Frank Brown received word that Thesz will be here next week. The match will be two out of three falls.

Gomez earned the title shot by defeating Duke Keomuka Wednesday night before a good crowd of 2122 fans. The gross gate was \$3087.75 and the net was \$2808.18.

Gomez won the first fall with his twisting head scissors in 12:59. Keomuka's Japanese sleeper hold copped the second fall in 14:47. In the third fall, Keomuka received a gash in his head when both grapplers fell from the ring. Gomez finally won in 9:55.

In a battle of midgets, Sky-Lo Lowe defeated Cowboy Bob Bradley in 11:50. Wilbur Snyder stopped Ron Etchison in 16:59. Tarzan Mike was disqualified in 13:05 of his match with Lou Newman. Tony Martin and Roy Heffernan battled to a 15-minute draw.

SAN ANTONIO

Pepper Gomez Defeats George

Pepper Gomez dropped the first fall of a two-out of-three scheduled match to Gorgeous George Wednesday night at the Wrestlingthon, but then came back to take the next two and win the match.

The Gorgeous one flattened Gomez in 10:15 with a body press to take the initial tumble, but Pepper, Texas heavyweight wrestling champion, came back with his twisting head scissor for the second in 11:01.

Gomez used a drop kick and a body press to finish off George in the final fall which went 8:55.

Duke Keomuka and Wilbur Snyder staged a brawl in the semi-final, but it wound up in a 20-minute draw, while Negro star Luther Lindsay easily defeated Jackie McGinnis in the second event with a drop kick and press in 10:15.

Ray Ginkel took the top position when opponent Stu Gibson was disqualified for too much rough stuff.

The scheduled 15 minute opener found Rocky Columbo taking a fast victory over Tony Morelli. Columbo was the winner with a press in 5:28.

Mat Brawl Leads To Title Bout Here Next Week

Pepper Gomez and Danny McShane, both winners on Wednesday night's mat card here, have signed to meet in next week's main event and Gomez' Texas title belt will be at stake.

The pair got into a brawl during Wednesday's show and Matchmaker Frank Brown rushed in with contracts for a legal match.

In the main event, Sugi Sito won over Kinj Shibuya when the latter was disqualified for not breaking off the ropes in the third fall. Each had won a fall prior to the referee's ruling in the deciding chapter.

McShane used an atomic drop to best John Bence in the semi-finals. Gomez defeated Tiny Mills with a lengthy airplane spin.

Skull Murphy tried to bang Luigi Macera with a chair but gashed his hand on the weapon and lost the bout when Referee Otto Kuss decided the Skull was unable to continue.

Doug Donovan beat Rocky Columbo on a disqualification in the opener when Rocky used his fists too freely.

CORPUS CHRISTI

LOCATION?

Pepper Gomez Goes After World Title

Young, flashy Pepper Gomez shoots for the moon here tonight when he takes on World Champion Lou Thesz in the main event of the weekly wrestling show at Town Hall Arena.

The highly-popular Mexican stylist will be attempting a feat accomplished only twice in the past several years, knocking the veteran Thesz from his spot atop the rankings of the nation's wrestlers. Following both defeats, Thesz bounced back to regain the title and reclaim his rating as the world's No. 1 wrestling attraction.

He'll risk his championship in a two out of three falls, 30-minute time limit engagement.

The semifinal features one of the most popular of the new stars in Texas wrestling, Nicky Bockwinkle. He'll be paired against the wily Duke Keomuka in a one fall, 30-minute tiff.

The second preliminary will have newcomer Juan Garcia against Fritz Von Elm over one fall with a 20-minute limit and the 8:30 p.m. opening match sends Jim Hadv against Danny Savich over one fall with a 15-minute limit.

Gomez Earns Thesz Match With 2 Wins

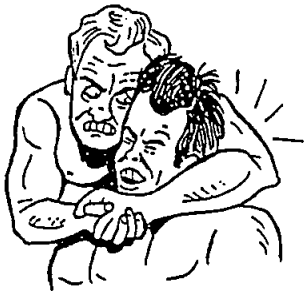
Pepper Gomez won the right to meet Louis Thesz next Friday night at the Coliseum by winning Thursday night's elimination wrestling matches at the City Auditorium.

Gomez won over Len Crosby in the first elimination bout, knocking Crosby unconscious and unable to return for the second fall with a pile driver.

Gene Kelley beat Suni War Cloud in two out of three falls but fell victim of Gomez's back body drop in the final bout.

Herbie Freeman used the drop kick to beat Johnny Valentine. Col. Stu Gibson defeated Big Humphrey, the Sheik of Araby won from Gus Zaharias in the other prelims.

In the special attraction in which Jim LaRock took on challengers from the audience, LaRock was the winner over 200-pound Bill Connolly in four minutes.

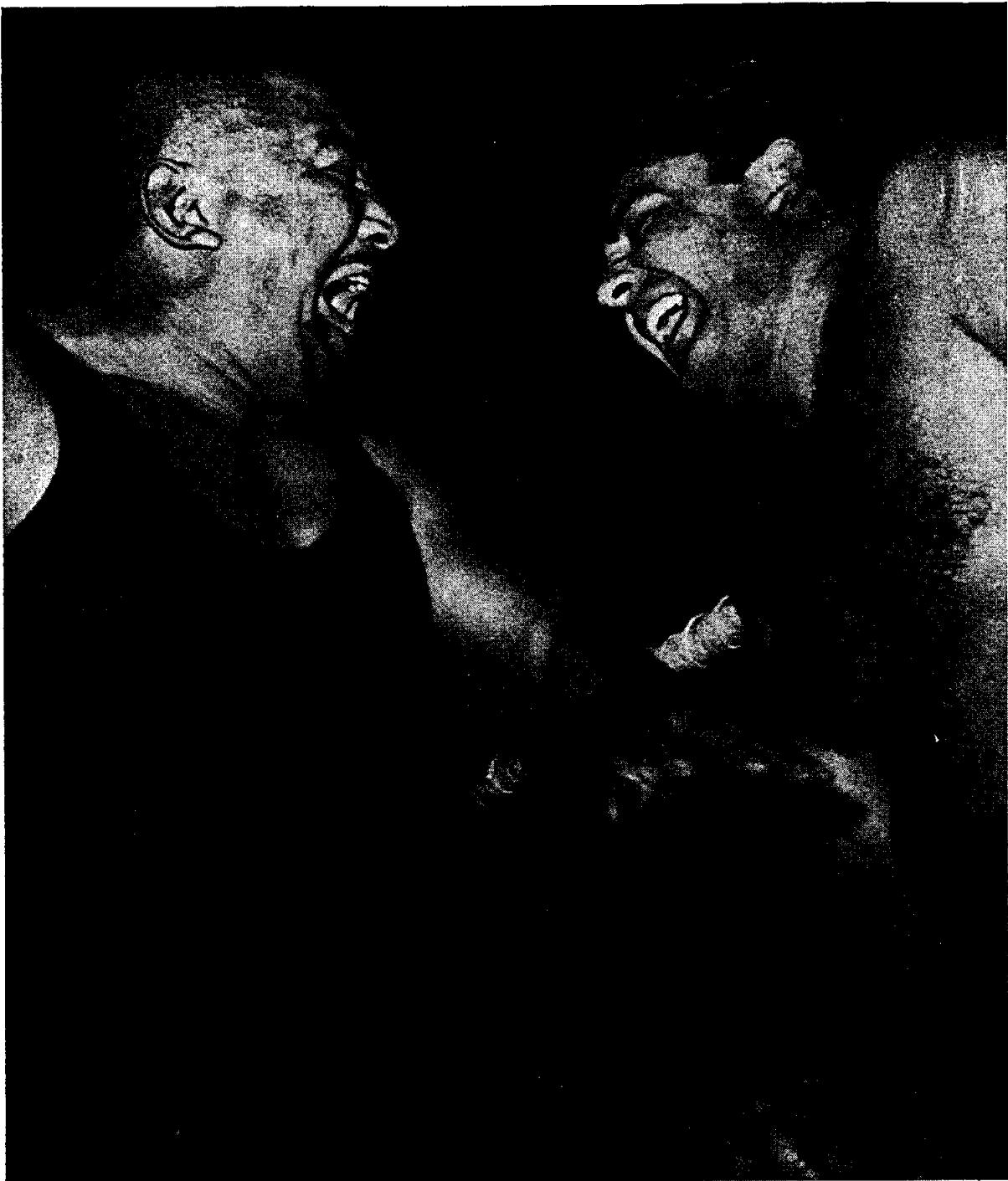


VOL. 8 NO. 8

Wrestling Facts

"The Original Mat Research Journal"

SHIBUYA



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By James C. Melby

Welcome to another edition of WRESTLING FACTS. In this issue we spotlight the career of Kinji Shibuya. In his day Kinji was a much feared leading ring heel. But to those who know him personally he is and always has been one of the nicest people in the wrestling fraternity.

Over the years that I worked in the professional wrestling business I have encountered very few wrestlers who had the foresight to save momentos from their respective ring careers. Kinji, luckily for us, kept an active record of newspaper clippings, programs, and photographs from every aspect of his long and illustrious career. While my good friend Koji Miyamoto was living and working in California, he developed a close friendship with Kinji and Janet Shibuya. Kinji shared much of his treasure chest of wrestling memories and souvenirs with both Koji and myself. This scrapbook represents just a small portion of that rich history.

As an editor I decided to start telling the Shibuya story with the year 1953, as it was then that Kinji really started to come into his own as a grappler. Under the guidance of the late Tony Stecher and Wally Karbo, Kinji became a solid main eventer and tremendous gate attraction. Readers will note that Shibuya headlined almost from the start, and shortly after reaching headline status he was imported into the Calgary area to do the same there.

Few could rile up a crowd such as Kinji. His first classic bout against hometown favorite Pat O'Connor created such a ruckus that the ensuing riot made the front page of the Minneapolis newspaper. And in Winnipeg it made little or no difference if he won or lost, as long as he was brought back for the next card. About the only thing that seemed to work against his ring image was the fact that newspaper reporters of the day loved to run stories on the truly wonderful relationship Kinji and Janet share. It is hard to truly dislike such a wonderful family man.

Coming up in future issues of WRESTLING FACTS, will be not only be more scrapbook issues, but also ring records of Red Bastien, Dr. Bill Miller, and Whipper Billy Watson. See you then.

MINNEAPOLIS

JAN. 6, 1953

O'Connor to Test 'Tough Guy' Mills

Al Mills will take on a double-size order in the Minneapolis auditorium wrestling ring tonight.

First, the big 254-pound Canadian tackles Pat O'Connor, the young New Zealand Irishman who has all but conquered the mat world.

Second, he'll be out to prove he's the real "tough guy" of the Mills family.

Al said he wasn't disparaging his brother Tiny, whom he described as "terrific." It was just a question of experience, of which he has much more, said Al.

Al Mills currently claims British Empire honors and had held Canadian, Pacific Coast and Hawaiian heavyweight crowns.

O'Connor hopes to claim the Empire title after tonight.

The highly-touted Japanese invader, Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, debuts here in the semiwindup against Mike Paidousis. Shibuya is said to be a master of every wrestling style.

Other bouts send Farmer Marlin against Ivan Rasputin, and Len Hughes against Reggie Lisowski.

O'Connor Pins Mills Using Airplane Spin

Pat O'Connor, popular Irish wrestler from New Zealand, staged a whirlwind finish in defeating Al Mills of Camrose, Canada, after a rough brawl lasting 26 minutes and eight seconds Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

O'Connor's whirlwind finish can be taken literally, for he used the airplane spin to subdue his burly opponent.

O'Connor, after undergoing much punishment from Mills' fists and feet, knocked the Canadian flat on his back with a drop-kick to the face.

As Mills started to get up, Pat grabbed him, lifted him across his shoulders and spun him around like a human roulette wheel. Making sure that Mills was plenty dizzy, Patrick whammed him on the mat with a resounding crash.

Mills not only was pinned, but he was knocked out. Consequently the awarding of the fall by Referee Bill Kuusisto was a mere formality.

Brother Al of the Mills brothers (not the singers) resorted to every foul tactic known to himself and his big brother, Tiny, in an effort to crush O'Connor. But Pat took everything he had to offer and bounced back to win to the delight of 5,136 fans.

Pat O'Connor, 236, New Zealand, pinned Al Mills, 254, Camrose, Canada, 26:08.
Kinji Shibuya, 225, Japan, pinned Mike Paidousis, 241, Steubenville, Ohio, 10:48.
Farmer Marlin, 226, Niles, Mich., won by a foul from Ivan Rasputin, 250, Brooklyn, N. Y., 14:44.
Len Hughes, 242, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Reggie Lisowski, 217, Milwaukee, Wis., drew, 30.

Mills, Sr., Battles O'Connor Tonight

The senior half of the wrestling Mills brothers hinted Monday he's aiming at a Mills family monopoly on the local mat when he appears in tonight's main event at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Al Mills, 254-pound terrorist from the lumberjack country around Camrose, Canada, tonight battles Pat O'Connor, young Irish flash from New Zealand.

Backed by an international reputation and top claimant of the British Empire crown, Mills said he figured he and his two-year younger brother Tiny were in position to take a stranglehold on the local wrestling situation.

Al predicted his much greater experience and aggressive tactics would prove too much for O'Connor.

MINNEAPOLIS JANUARY 13, 1953

It'll Be Mind Over Matter, Says Confident Haggerty

Wrestler Hard Boiled Haggerty meets mighty Paul Baillargeon at the Minneapolis armory Tuesday night in what Haggerty predicts will be a triumph of mind over matter.

The Irish wild man insisted Saturday, of course, that he represents mind and Baillargeon matter.

BAILLARGEON, rated the world's strongest wrestler, can lift 321 pounds in a one arm bent press—the American record.

"So what?" asked Haggerty. "All I have to lift is 238 pounds—that's Baillargeon's weight—

and dump him into the third row."

Haggerty warned that Baillargeon's chin might not be as strong as the rest of him. The 253-pound New York brawler added that "they all go numb when they get clipped on the button."

PROMOTER Tony Stecher announced yesterday that the piledriver hold, barred here since the days of Dr. Len Hall, has been okayed by the National Wrestling alliance. That move will permit Len Hughes of Nova Scotia to use his piledriver on Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya,

Japanese menace, in the semiwindup.

The piledriver dumps the victim headfirst onto the mat.

Terrible Tiny Mills, the wild-haired lumberjack from Camrose, Canada, pits his 274 pounds against Bob Leipler, young Bufalonian, in the special event.

BAILLARGEON, HAGGERTY TO CLASH TONIGHT

Wrestling's No. 1 ruffian and wrestling's most powerful package of sheer muscle tangle tonight in the Minneapolis armory.

The main event of Promoter Tony Stecher's weekly mat card sends Hard Boiled Haggerty, the wild Irishman of wrestling, against Paul Baillargeon, weight lifting record holder from Quebec.

HAGGERTY, scornful of mere might, promised Monday to reduce Baillargeon's sinews to quivering fiber with an all-out assault featuring such refined wrestling tactics as a solid right to the chin.

He weighs 253 to Baillargeon's 238.

Stecher still was without a referee for the main go, but said he had a line on an outside arbiter and hoped to sign him sometime today.

KINJI (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, new Japanese menace, will try his judo wizardry on 242-pound Len Hughes in the semiwindup.

Tiny Mills, the 274-pound Canadian lumberjack, meets Bob Leipler, and Reb Russell, the unreconstructed southerner, returns to face Farmer Marlin in other bouts.

BAILLARGEON WARNS

Haggerty Asked to Wrestle, Not Slug

Hard Boiled Haggerty was invited today to make a wrestling match, instead of a slug-ging match, out of his main event mat appearance tonight in the Minneapolis armory.

Extending the invitation was his opponent, Paul Baillargeon, the muscle wonder from Quebec, Canada.

Baillargeon warned Haggerty he was prepared to retaliate should Haggerty pursue his usual tough tactics.

But he'd prefer, Baillargeon

stated, to settle the issue on the basis of "skill, speed and strength" rather than on back-alley brawling. Haggerty did not comment.

The new Japanese invader, Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, goes after his second local win in the semiwindup. He meets the 242-pound Nova Scotian, Len Hughes.

Tiny Mills pits his 274 pounds against Bob Leipler, and Reb Russell returns to meet Farmer Marlin in other bouts.

MINNEAPOLIS JANUARY 13, 1953



Let Go. Hard Boiled Haggerty pulls hard on the foot of Paul Baillargeon in their wrestling match at the Minneapolis Armory Tuesday night. Haggerty finally won when Baillargeon "gave up" after 24 minutes and 55 seconds.—Staff photo by Bill Seamon.)

Haggerty Wins But Paul Says He Didn't Quit

Hard Boiled Haggerty surprised 5,543 wrestling fans at the Minneapolis armory Tuesday night by winning a main event brawl from Paul Baillargeon, the Canadian muscle man. Most surprised of all was Baillargeon.

Referee Harold Nelson, who managed to get here from Winnipeg despite immigration difficulties, ruled that Baillargeon gave up after 24 minutes and 55 seconds. Paul said he did no such thing.

Backing him up was Dr. J. P. Korchik, club physician, who said Baillargeon refused to concede the match when queried by Nelson.

The Canadian had survived a series of strangle holds, four illegal leg stomps and a knee drop to the neck before falling victim to a reverse crab hold.

But Baillargeon, who speaks better French than English, insisted he didn't quit.

Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, won on default from Paul Baillargeon, 238, Quebec, Can., in 24:55.

Kinji Shibuya, 225, Yokohama, Japan, pinned Len Hughes, 242, Halifax, N. S., in 8:44.

Bob Leipler, 230, Buffalo, N. Y., won on a foul from Tiny Mills, 274, Camrose, Can., in 17:39.

Farmer Marlin, 228, Niles, Mich., defeated Reb Russell, 238, Boston, Mass., in 22:29.

It was a long evening for Tiny, who earlier had pinned Bearcat Wright in the special event at 24:18. Japanese Kinji Shibuya made his St. Paul debut a winning one by disposing of Reggie Lisowski at 13:57 of the semi-windup, using his judo and sumo tactics to win.

Farmer Marlin used his "mule kick" to defeat Mike Paidousis at 18:03 of the opener.

Haggerty Wins -- or Did He?

Hard Boiled Haggerty, the surly longshoreman from New York, won't have to leave town after all, having heeded Promoter Tony Stecher's admonition to "win one or else."

But today there was still some doubt in the minds of the 5,543 fans who saw his brawl with Paul Baillargeon, the Canadian strong man, in the Auditorium Tuesday night.

HAGGERTY was declared the winner at 24:35 when Referee Harold Nelson of Winnipeg, Canada, ruled that the mighty Paul had given up. Baillargeon insisted last night and again today he had done no such thing.

Baillargeon had managed to survive Haggerty's most vicious strangle hold; he had endured four of Haggerty's illegal leg stomps; he had come back for more after absorbing a knee drop to the neck, and then he was dropped with a reverse crab hold.

But, he said in a mixture of French and English, he hadn't given up. Referee Nelson thought otherwise. Dr. J. P. Korchik, wrestling physician here, disagreed with Nelson. He said he talked with Baillargeon and the French-Canadian refused to concede the match.

THEY MAY have to do it all over again to satisfy the fans and Baillargeon.

In other matches Kinji Shibuya of Yokohama, Japan, pinned Len Hughes of Halifax, Nova Scotia, at 8:44; Bob Leipler of Buffalo, N. Y., won on a foul from Tiny Mills of Camrose, Canada, at 17:39 and Farmer Marlin pinned Reb Russell of Boston, Mass., at 22:29.

MINNEAPOLIS

JANUARY 20, 1953

Haggerty Wins Over Hermann

Hard Boiled Haggerty, the Pier Six grappler from New York, showed Hans Hermann, the giant wrestler from Germany, a lot of rough tricks as he went about the business of pinning the burly Teuton in 12:45 Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Haggerty, after permitting Hermann to show his display of foul tactics for seven minutes, went to work on Hans to the delight of 4,675 fans.

Haggerty, after softening up Hermann with a flurry of haymakers to the face, picked up his giant opponent and heaved him around the ring like a sack of wheat. Haggerty made good use of his feet as well as his fists.

Haggerty among other things tortured Hermann with his brutal leg stomp following which he heaved Hermann clear over his head and brought him to the mat with a crash that caused the rim to shiver. He then pinned Hermann as Referee Bill Kuusisto tolled the fatal three count.

Before the show got under way, Promoter Tony Stecher was given a TV trophy as a tribute to wrestling as an outstanding local television program.

Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, pinned Hans Hermann, 293, Hanover, Germany, 12:45.

Kinji Shibuya, 255, Yokohama, Japan, pinned Reggie Lisowski, 217, Milwaukee, Wis., 14:24.

Al Mills, 254, Camrose, Canada, pinned Bob Leipier, 230, Buffalo, N. Y., 21:27.
Farmer Marlin, 235, Niles, Mich., pinned Bobby Nelson, 240, Chicago, 26:02.

Kami Kaze Picks on Lisowski Next

Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, the Japanese hand-chopper, will try to make it three wins in three starts at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Shibuya signed for a wrestling semiwindup Thursday with Reggie Lisowski, the picture physique from Milwaukee, Wis. The 225-pound Japanese injured Len Hughes with a chop to the neck here last Tuesday.

Hard Boiled Haggerty, victor over Paul Baillargeon, battles the young New Zealand star, Pat O'Connor, in the main event.

546 POUNDS OF GRUNT, GROAN IN SAME RING

The wrestling ring at the Minneapolis auditorium will groan tonight and so, probably, will the two main event battlers.

Hans Hermann, 293, and Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, will put a two-man total of 546 pounds into the ring, with the referee adding probably better than 200 more.

They'll also take into the ring two of the wrestling game's top reputations for sheer ferocity. Haggerty, matdom's wild Irishman, climaxed

his "clean-up" of local foes last week with a win over the muscular Paul Baillargeon.

The 6-7 Hermann, who claims to be the biggest giant in wrestling, was the people's choice for oblivion when he campaigned here a year or so ago.

Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, Japanese hatchet-man, battles powerful Reggie Lisowski in the semiwindup. Al (Mr. Murder) Mills faces Bob Leipier, and Bobby Nelson tackles Farmer Marlin, starting at 8:30 p.m.

MINNEAPOLIS JAN. 27, 1953

AFTER HE BEATS KOWALSKI JAN 25 1953

Haggerty Will Ask Stecher to 'Scram'

Wrestler Hard Boiled Haggerty, who has been "invited" out of town by Promoter Tony Stecher on several occasions, said Saturday he would extend the same invitation to Stecher after Tuesday night's mat card at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Haggerty was told three weeks ago, he noted, to "get out of town" unless he licked Tiny Mills.

The wild Irish pier six brawler not only took care of Mills, but added Paul Baillargeon and Hans Hermann to a list that already included Bronko Nagurski, Butch Levy, Otto Kuss and others.

TUESDAY NIGHT Haggerty faces the "assassin" of wrestling, the 285-pound Polish giant from Hamtramck, Mich., mat-dominant tall man with the short

then what? What can Stecher do after that. The answer is nothing. Stecher will be finished.

"Maybe what this town needs is me as both wrestling promoter and wrestler. When I whip Kowalski Tuesday, I'm going to invite Stecher to scram."

STECHEER HAD no immediate comment yesterday.

Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, Japanese master of handchops, sleepers and possibly other holds, seeks his fourth straight local victory against young Kenny Ackles, eastern speedster, in the semiwindup.

Al Mills, a 254-pound Canadian cutup, meets Ronnie Etchison, topflighter from St. Joseph, Mo., in the special event. A fourth fracas is to be signed.

Al Mills Signs, Tiny Is Barred

Al Mills signed Friday for an appearance on the wrestling card at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night, but his brother, Tiny, won't be appearing anywhere in this country for some time.

Promoter Tony Stecher announced that the National Wrestling alliance has suspended Tiny indefinitely everywhere in the U.S. Reason: repeated misbehavior and manhandling of referees.

Brother Al will battle Ronnie Etchison, rugged wrestler from St. Joe, Mo., in the special event.

Wladek Kowalski and Hard Boiled Haggerty, two mat mammoths, are the main go, Kinji Shibuya and Kenny Ackles the semi.

JAN 23 1953

Shibuya Seeks Fourth in Row

Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, the Japanese mat menace, will go after his fourth straight local wrestling win at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Shibuya signed Thursday to meet Kenny Ackles, a young speedster of the Vern Gagne and Pat O'Connor type who has lived in both New York and California.

Haggerty Draws Mat's Biggest

The man who may be the biggest in wrestling will oppose Hard Boiled Haggerty Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Even huger than Wladek Kowalski, Hans Herman stands 6-7 and now carries 293 pounds. The German "superman" replaced the injured Pat O'Connor in Tuesday's main go.

Other bouts send Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya against Reggie Lisowski, Al Mills against Bob Leipler, and Bobby Nelson against Farmer Marlin.

JAN 26 1953

HAGGERTY SAYS IT'S SLAUGHTER

Wrestler Hard Boiled Haggerty charged Sunday that Promoter Tony Stecher is trying to "lead me to the slaughter" at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

That's the effect, Haggerty insisted, of Stecher's refusal to ban the kneedrop of Wladek Kowalski, 285-pound Polish giant, mat crippler and main event foe of Haggerty Tuesday night.

Other bouts signed pit Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, Japanese hacker, against Kenny Ackles and Al Mills against Ronnie Etchison.

MINNEAPOLIS JANUARY 27, 1953

HAGGERTY-KOWALSKI MIX OUTSHINES TECHNICOLOR

Everything is expected to be as supercolossal as a technicolor epic in tonight's wrestling headliner at the Minneapolis auditorium, even the groaning.

Wladek Kowalski, the lean, 285-pound Polish giant, battles Hard Boiled Haggerty, a 253-pounder with a cut-throat complex.

But that's not the worst of it. Kowalski, sometimes called "Killer," uses a knee-drop that has crippled a number of mat

limb null and void, at least for a day or two.

The mauling, slugging type. Haggerty is up against a tall man with a short temper who won't take a blow without giving two back. Kowalski, 'tis said, would be champ today if he could stay below boiling.

Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, the Japanese handchop and sleeper expert, seeks local win No. 4 against Kenny Ackles, a young flash from the east.

Haggerty Wins Over Kowalski

Hard Boiled Haggerty, the rough and tumble grappler from New York's docks, won from Wladek Kowalski, the giant wrestler from Hamtramck, Mich., in a flukey manner after a bruising encounter lasting 23 minutes and 42 seconds Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Kowalski protested the fall that Haggerty gained on him, the gigantic Pole claiming that he was the victim of fast count by Referee Tom Novak of

and slammed him down on the mat several times after which he gave him the heaveho through the ropes.

Kowalski remained in the center of the ring claiming he had been robbed for several minutes after Haggerty and Novak had left for their dressing rooms. Wladek finally became discouraged and bowed out, while a crowd of 6,821 cheered him to the echo.

MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM

Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, pinned Wladek Kowalski, 285, Hamtramck, Mich., 23:42.
Kinji Shibuya, 225, Japan, pinned Ken Ackles, 220, New York, 18:10.

ST. PAUL FEBRUARY 6, 1953

FEB 7 1953
Mat Match

'No Contest'

The Hard Boiled Haggerty-Paul Baillargeon wrestling main event was ruled 'no contest' at the Armory Friday night by referee Jack Morgan after 20 minutes because of the wrestler's tactics.

Joe Dusek and Kenny Ackles went to a 30 minute draw in the semifinal, Kinji Shibuya pinned Len Hughes in 15:28 and Bob Leipler beat Mike Di Biase in 19:25 in other bouts.

Attendance was 3,112.

MINNEAPOLIS FEBRUARY 10, 1953

WRESTLES HERE TUESDAY FEB 8 1953

Kinji Learned Dirty Tricks From Americans

Japanese Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya said Saturday that American wrestlers have only themselves to blame because he has become a mat "crippler."

All the rough stuff he knows, Shibuya insisted, he learned from American wrestlers.

The Japanese master of such maneuvers as judo chops and a sleeper hold is scheduled to do battle with the Canadian strong man, Paul Baillargeon, in the main event of Tuesday night's wrestling card at the Minneapolis auditorium.

SHIBUYA related Saturday how he changed from a scientific exponent of sumo, judo and American-style wrestling into an all-out aggressor.

maybe I wouldn't be here today."

"AND NOW that I've learned what you Americans call the open style of wrestling, I get nothing but criticism. Why?"

Sumo champion of Hawaii for three years, Shibuya said he figures he has the style needed to whip Baillargeon or any big, strong opponent.

Farmer Marlin and Bob Leipler are Tuesday's semiwind-up.

Signed Saturday for the special event were Al Mills, the ruffian from Camrose, Canada, and Ron Etchison, Missouri stylist.

Grapplers Ask Judo Chop Ban

The judo chop of Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya was under fire again today as a result of an injury to his opponent during a match in southern Minnesota.

The Japanese Shibuya is scheduled to battle Paul Baillargeon, Canadian muscle man, in the main event of the wrestling card at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

* * *
Local grapplers were pressing again for a ban on the hand-chop as a result of the week's layoff forced on Farmer Marlin after absorbing a chop to the throat from Shibuya.

MINNEAPOLIS FEBRUARY 10, 1953

Jap Grappler EYES Nagurski

Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya, the Japanese wrestling ace, said today he wished he were meeting even a bigger man than Paul Baillargeon at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

In fact, said Shibuya, he'd prefer to oppose Bronko Nagurski. "I've heard many stories about Mr. Nagurski," he added. "Perhaps Mr. Stecher will allow me to meet Nagurski after I take care of Baillargeon."

HAND, FOOT HOLDS TOP TONIGHT'S MAT CARD

Kinji (Kami Kaze) Shibuya figures to win by a neck in a race for wrestling victory tonight in the Minneapolis auditorium.

The Japanese mat master has his deadly judo throat chop all ready to apply to Paul Baillargeon, his main-event opponent.

Shibuya also has flashed a sleeper hold in one of his Minneapolis starts and was Hawaiian sumo champion for three years before mastering American-style wrestling.

These, he predicted, will defeat the "mere strength" of Baillargeon, sinewy Canadian woodsman and weight record holder who is generally rated the strongest wrestler in the world.

Farmer Marlin will try his educated foot attack on young Bob Leipler of Buffalo, N. Y., in the semiwindup.

Al Mills and Ron Etchison are the special event, with a fourth bout on the fire. Starting time is 8:30 p.m.



Baillargeon

Baillargeon Wins as Shibuya Fouls

An illegal throat chop chopped off Kinji Shibuya's chance of victory over Paul Baillargeon in the wrestling main event at the auditorium Tuesday night.

Referee Bill Kuusisto disqualified the Kinji of Yokohama, Japan, naming the Canadian strong man the winner at 16:11.

CALGARY MARCH 18, 1953



KINJI SHIBUYA
Japanese Wrestler

Famous Japanese wrestler is scheduled to come to Calgary for a regular match next Wednesday. Kinji Shibuya of Yokohama will arrive in the city ahead of schedule Saturday to donate his services to the Cosmopolitan Club and Calgary Boy Scouts at the big ice stampede Saturday night. He will pair off with George Gordienko to give a 10-minute display of eastern and western wrestling holds.

Sponsored by the Cosmopolitan Club of Calgary

'Sleeper' Hold At Scouts' Show

Kinji Sumo (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya, the Japanese Sumo wrestler who will be featured at the Stampede Corral at a five-match mat program Wednesday night will give a special performance at the Boy Scouts Ice Stampede Saturday night.

He'll give it, that is, if he can get help from the audience.

Shibuya, an expert at the trickier types of Oriental wrestling holds, has offered to demonstrate on volunteers his specialized sleeper grip that puts the recipients to sleep.

His demonstration will be a featured part of the Ice Stampede that is sponsored by the Cosmopolitan Club. Shibuya will donate his services to the event, along with wrestlers Stu Hart, George Gordienko and Woody Strode who will also take part in a special exhibition.

Shibuya, Tag Villains Score Mat Victories

Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya used oriental guile to win his first Calgary wrestling match but most of the fireworks at the Stampede Corral Wednesday night were turned loose in the final triple tag team match which wound up three against two with the villains coming out on top.

A crowd of more than 4,000 saw the aggressive Shibuya use a Japanese sleeper hold on Leo Numa of Tacoma to combine two falls into one tricky effort that the Japanese said "Westerners just don't understand. So sorry."

The exchanges were rough, with Shibuya using a throat chop frequently until he got the upper hand on Numa. He set the stage for the effort by falling into the referee in a corner, throat chopping Numa to the mat before the official could get back into the game, then putting on the sleeper hold he had demonstrated on volunteers the previous Saturday.

SHIBUYA PROTESTS

Numa went out, and the fall was given to Shibuya at 18:45. When the referee sought to revive Numa, Shibuya protested and a new battle started before he was finally coaxed to bring Numa back to consciousness himself. He started, however, just as the two-minute rest period ended, promptly switched the reviving action into another sleeper, left Numa on the mat still helpless and unable to continue.

The wild triple tag ended with Pete Managoff, his head cut from a series of kicks, in the dressing room getting repairs while Jean Baillargeon and George Gordienko carried on alone. The first fall had gone to Managoff over Con Bruno at 18:31 but Ted Christie evened things against Managoff at 5:31 at the same time opening the cut in Pete's head.

Extra time was allowed as Gordienko and Baillargeon took their

partners out for repairs, then they came back for a wild and riotous finish that saw Rebel Russell credited with the final fall over Baillargeon at 6:14 but with a large assist from both his team mates.

PELZER WINS

Popular decisions went to Hubert Pelzer over Steve Bellman in the first match and to Bob Mike over Art Kapitan in a special event. Pelzer, making his last mat appearance after 30 years of action won in 15:58 with a Full Nelson, while Bob Mike, making his Calgary debut, won in 7:19 with a body slam and press.

In a fifth match, Ole Olsen of Winnipeg used shoulder butts and a slam to win a tough match from Bob Leipler of Buffalo in 19:14.

Sumo Wrestler Draws Notice

Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya, who has already attracted considerable attention in Calgary by wearing colorful Japanese costumes on city streets, will wear an elaborate \$1,000 robe when he climbs into the ring at the Stampede Corral Wednesday night against Leo (Red Shadow) Numa.

The big Sumo wrestler, who religiously performs special Suma rites in his corner before starting his matches, has gained almost as much reputation for his colorful

CALGARY MARCH 25, 1953

Shibuya, Baillargeon Win Wild Mat Battles

* The sleep-producing tactics of Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya and the eye-blinding technique of Bob "Rebel" Russell produced opposite verdicts before a roaring crowd of 2,500 wrestling fans at Victoria Pavilion Wednesday night as the Foothills Athletic Club staged the most crowd-pleasing mat program of the current campaign.

As result, Shibuya went into the winning column over Pete Managoff but Russell was disqualified in his match with Jean "Muscles" Baillargeon, setting the stage for a Shibuya-Baillargeon battle at the Pavilion for the night of Good Friday.

Shibuya climaxed 23:05 minutes of high-speed, rugged and colorful grappling by using his "sleep-er" on Managoff after first rubbing into Pete's eyes some powder he had used in pre-fight Sumo ceremonies in his corner. The combination of powder and sleeper was enough to overcome the drop-kicking and rugged fighting that had earlier given Managoff an edge as both men fought so hard

* they appeared headed for early exhaustion.

Russell used his disputed throat stomps to take the first fall from Baillargeon in 11:36 but big Jean, mad as a hatter, roared back with shoulder throws, full Nelsons and a bear hug that drew a tying cry of "uncle" from the Rebel at 5:07. Another 6:45 minutes went by before Jean, fighting like a blinded giant as Russell used a bandaged elbow on his eyes, drew roars of pain from his opponent with more bear hugs before the referee disqualified Russell for again using the blinding technique.

In a cleverly fought opening match, Big Bob Mike and Ole Olsen of Winnipeg went 20 minutes to a fall-less draw while in the special event Woody Strode gave one of his finest performances before dropping the lone fall to vicious Ted Christy. Christy used throat stomps at 14:49, combined with a reverse piledriver, to end the match after Woody gave him a rough time with some smooth, speedy and scientific wrestling.

Kojo Exerts Strange Hold Over Pete



The Mighty Kojo used all sorts of foul methods to soften up Pete Managoff in the main event at last night's wrestling card. Above he is seen applying a strangle hold on Pistol Pete.

CALGARY APRIL 8, 1953

One-Fall Bout Headlines Card

Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya and Bob (Rebel) Russell hold the main interest as they meet in a no-time-limit challenge bout with one fall deciding the issue in the wrestling program at Victoria Pavilion tonight. Shibuya has used a sleeper hold to win three bouts in Calgary but Russell has announced he plans to use his own sleeper — the much disputed throat stomp — in a bid to jump the gun on the Japanese in tonight's battle.

George Gordienko and Leo Numa have joined forces for a tag team battle with the combination of Ted Christy and Con Bruno. Best of three falls in a time limit of 60 minutes will decide the winners.

Woody Strode and Dave Ruhl, both absent from recent wrestling programs, will return in a one-fall, 30-minute special event while the opener at 8:30 p.m. will see Ole Olsen of Winnipeg meeting Art Kapitan of Detroit.

Russell Disqualified In Stormy Mat Bout

★ ★ ★
Showing a total disregard for the rules and the referee, Bob "Rebel" Russell Wednesday night became something of a hero to Calgary wrestling fans when he slammed Kinji "Mighty Kojo" Shibuya out of the ring at Victoria Pavilion, sent referee Les Watson after him and got disqualified for his wild efforts to win a personal war with Japan.

The stormy battle lasted less than 10 minutes but provided a highlight for an interesting pro-

★ ★ ★
The main event fireworks started when Russell broke up attempts by Shibuya to perform his Sumo and Judo ritual prior to the match. Shibuya, despite his complaints that he couldn't go on without first completing his ritual, was forced to put up his fists to defend himself as Russell turned the affair into a slugging match.

The Japanese almost caught the Rebel in a sleeper on two occasions but Russell slugged his way out before Shibuya got very far, sent the Japanese crashing to the cement and tossed the referee after him.

Watson, hurt in the fall, raised Shibuya's hand as victor outside the ropes, then both tried to climb back into the ring only to run into a berserk Russell who punched and booted them out again while the big crowd stood in the seats and roared approval. Police finally straightened things out and led both grapplers to the dressing rooms.

With Art Kapitan substituting as referee for Watson who was unable to return for the final bout, the tag produced a hot brand of grappling with Christy and Gordienko splitting falls while Bruno got the official nod.

CALGARY APRIL 15, 1953

Mat Rematch Ordered

A statement that Bob "Rebel" Russell's purse was being held up as result of last Wednesday's wild but brief battle with Kinji "Mighty Koji" Shibuya was issued Friday night by the Foothills Athletic Club which sponsors wrestling in Calgary.

The purse, the statement said, will be held as a forfeit until Russell demonstrates a satisfactory observance of rules in a rematch with Shibuya that has been ordered at Victoria Pavilion next Wednesday night.

The action was an aftermath of a wild battle that saw Russell kick both Shibuya and Referee Les Watson out of the ring, injuring the latter so that he could not officiate at a bout which followed. Watson, in a report on the incident, said he had warned Russell several times for illegal tactics and commended that the Texas man be suspended.

Two Referees For Main Bout

Two referees will be assigned in an attempt to keep order in tonight's main event return match between Bob (Rebel) Russell and Kinji (Mighty Koji) Shibuya at Victoria Pavilion according to announcement of the Foothills Athletic Club.

Big Bob Mike of the Stampeder Football Club and Dave Ruhl, young Hanna farmer, will meet in the opener at 8:30 p.m.

Shibuya Stops Russell In Wild Grappling Bout

In a wild and woolly main event, Kinji Shibuya took the measure of Rebel Bob Russell before a packed house at Victoria Pavilion Wednesday night.

The Japanese badman went to work early on his rugged

Texas opponent and cut his nose and face with judo chops. Russell retaliated with eye gouges, but Shibuya had too much stamina.

After failing to apply his famed sleeper hold, Shibuya caught Russell with a body slam and press to gain the victory after 18 minutes of grappling.

REFEREE Woody Strode counted Russell out even although Rebel's leg was outside the ropes. Russell then went seemingly berserk and attacked first Strode, then Les Watson and finally matchmaker Mike Bulat.

In the first half of the double semi-windup, Leo Numa and Con Bruno wrestled to a draw, gaining one fall apiece. Bruno scored the first fall at 19:05 with body slams and a press, only to have Numa even it up at 16:03 with a flying wristlock and a flip from the ropes.

In the other half of the windup,

Terrible Ted Christy had too much for George Gordienko, taking the odd fall out of three after 25 minutes of heavy going.

CHRISTY used his pile driver hold to gain the first fall after 18 minutes, only to have Gordienko come flying back four minutes later with a series of shoulder butts to square the match. Gordienko continued to apply the pressure for the third and deciding fall and was once again punishing his opponent. However, a missed flying block sent him through the ropes onto the floor. Referee Watson counted ten before the Winnipeg grappler could get back into the ring, giving Christy the bout.

Footballer Bob Mike got onto the winning track in the opener, taking the measure of Dave Ruhl at 14:20. Body slams, followed by a press won the match for Mike.

CALGARY

Earl McCready Meets Shibuya

Opposition for undefeated Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya at Victoria Pavilion next Wednesday night will be provided by Earl McCready, Canada's leading heavyweight wrestler, according to announcement made by the Foothills Athletic Club. He will wrestle the Japanese in a no-time-limit main event.

It was also announced that Bob (Rebel) Russell has been suspended for a week as result of his wild fighting after the bell last week when a near riot developed after Shibuya had been awarded a decision. It was the second straight week that Russell had fought with referees as well as his opponent at the close of a match.

The matching of McCready with Shibuya represents a switch from original plans which called for the best wrestler in last week's semi-windups to meet the main event winner. However, with Con Bruno and Leo Numa going to a draw, and Ted Christy winning only a dubious decision over George Gor-

No Winner Declared After Wild Mat Bout

A majority of the wrestling fans today think, that if Earl McCready can't do it, it can't be done.

McCready came by plane all the way from New York to try and whip the Japanese grappler, Kinji Shibuya, who sent Bob "Rebel" Russell to sleep several times before sending him on his way.

McCREADY, A COOL, clever wrestler, started in with an even edge with the Japanese, and came on stronger towards the end as Shibuya tried his sleeper.

It was an equal match, when Shibuya put on his Japanese sleeper and had McCready outside the ring. McCready was in no condition to finish the bout, the referee couldn't award the bout to the Jap as McCready had one leg outside the ring.

On the other hand, the match couldn't be awarded to McCready as he was unable to finish the bout. The referee stated it as an unfinished match, ending at 20:41.

THE SEMI-WINDUP with George Gordienko and Ted Christy was the most pleasing bout of the card. It went the full 45 minutes with only one fall being made during the bout and it was by Gordienko at 27:05, with a body slam and press.

Going into the second round the two wrestlers chopped away and threw one another for the balance of the match. The bout was given to Gordienko as he made the only fall.

In the special event, Leo Numa pinned Woody Strode with a jack-knife and press to win the match at 22:20.

Bob Mike won the opening bout over Danny Veloski of Edmonton at 8:55 with body slams and press.

CALGARY

Shibuya Still Unbeaten But by Slim Margin

Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya kept his undefeated record intact at Victoria Pavilion Wednesday night—but only by the slender margin of one minute and 12 seconds in a battle with Earl McCready that was as hectic an

event as the pavilion ring has ever seen.

The wild match highlighted a card that also saw Con Bruno and Ted Christy combine forces to win over George Gordienko and Woody Strode while in an equally lively special event Leo Numa was disqualified as he out-villained the master bad man of the Calgary ring, Bob "Rebel" Russell.

Fighting in regulation Japanese jui jitsui jackets, Shibuya and McCready went 13 minutes flat before the Japanese scored the first fall with a jacket strangle and sleeper hold.

After the interval, fighting catch as catch can style, the bout turned into a wild and bloody brawl as McCready stopped a knee with his nose and Shibuya suffered a cut upper lip. Fans stood in their seats as McCready finally unleashed a wild attack of flying elbows, added flying mares and wound up with a clinching rolling cradle. However, the wily Jap managed to stall enough to put the count at 14.12.

Christy took the first fall of the tag match over Strode at 14:40. The hectic melee continued in the second round with Gordienko evening the count at 11:26 with a slam and press over Bruno, but the rugged Greek fought back and won the match for his team at 5:09 with a similar slam and press on Strode.

Numa came up with a surprising display of rough tactics to score an edge in the special but he lost for extending the efforts to the referee.

Losing his temper when referee Pelzer sought to keep the bout on a slightly more legal plane than it had been, Numa shoved the official out of the ring while he went to work in a two-fisted attack on Russell. When Pelzer climbed back he disqualified Numa and gave an unpopular decision to Russell at 17:14 minutes.

In the opener, Joe Blanchard of the Edmonton Eskimos and Danny Veloski of Edmonton went 30 minutes to a draw.

CALGARY

Wild Scenes At Wrestling

A small crowd of mat fans were at Victoria Pavilion, Thursday night to see the most action packed wrestling card of the season presented by the foothills athletic association. It was a tag team match for the main-event, between Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya and Ted Christy against Bob "Rebel" Russel and Con Bruno.

For the best of three falls, the match saw each team take one fall and also saw Shibuya leave the ring before the match was over and left Christy to do the work by himself. This motion was because Christy refused to help Shibuya while he was in trouble.

Russel determined to gain the tying fall against Christy, when all four wrestlers were in the ring. When the referee had moved the grapplers out of the ring and left only Russell and Christy, Russell put a full Nelson on Christy and started to the corner, where Shibuya stood. Shibuya climbed upon top of the ropes, and with his tremendous slap, missed Russell and slapped his partner Christy, which knocked him down. Russell then gave Christy the press at 7:05.

Russell and Bruno took turns at giving Christy dropkicks, when at 6:18 Russell gave Christy a throat stomp and a press to win the match.

Jean Bailargeon and George Gordienko wrestled to a 45 minute draw in the semi-windup. This was for the best of three falls, which featured plenty of good wrestling, with not one fall.

Leo Numa won the special event over Joe Campbell, with drop-kicks and press at 16:09, and in the opening bout Joe Blanchard pinned Big Bob Mike at 17:38.

CALGARY

Midgets Steal Show; Shibuya Gains Verdict

A pair of midget wrestlers, The Great Schultz and Tiger Jackson, stole the show at Wednesday night's wrestling program in Victoria Pavilion.

The culminating point in the feature match came when Jackson threw Schultz out of the ring and refused to let him back in. Schultz, however, took advantage of his size to sneak along the edge of the carpet to the other side of the ring while the referee was counting him out.

SCHULTZ CLIMBED into the ring and executed a perfect flying tackle, drop kick and press on the surprised Jackson to win the match.

Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya gained the decision over George Gordienko in the main event. The Japanese gained the first fall with his famous sleeper hold, but Gordienko was revived on time to pin Shibuya 49 seconds after the start of the second round with a cradle hold.

THE TWO gave their all in the

deciding round and it was Gordienko who tried to put Shibuya to sleep in the exchanges. However, Gordienko fell prey to a back press for the final count.

Con Bruno won the semi-final match over Lew Britton with a flying tackle and press after the two had split falls, and Joe Campbell won the one-fall opener from Joe Blanchard.

Jap Wins by a Whisker Over George Gordienko

Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya won by a whisker over George Gordienko at Victoria Pavilion Wednesday night but although the crowd roared disapproval at the decision it was still enough to keep the victory string of the Japanese wrestler intact.

The match climaxed a four-bout program that saw The Great Schultz, midget wrestler from Alsace-Lorraine, take a tricky decision from villainous Tiger Jackson by a piece of skullduggery only a midget could pull off.

Tossed out of the ring by his 99-pound opponent, the diminutive Schultz hiked unseen around to the opposite side, climbed back through the ropes and attacked the Tiger from behind as the latter and Referee Hubert Pelzer tolled a count. He then cut loose with a drop kick, followed with a press and it was a popular defeat of the rugged Tiger who aped bigger men by uncorking a long series of ~~none-too-legal~~ tactics in the lively

threw himself backwards, pinning Gordienko's shoulders to the mat. Time was 7:30 minutes.

Joe Campbell of New York took the opener from Joe Blanchard of Edmonton in 13:20 with a reverse hold, then Con Bruno and Lew Britten of Buffalo went through a lively and rugged session before Bruno took the deciding fall.

CALGARY MAY 28, 1953

Lou Thesz Ready To Meet Shibuya

Lou Thesz, world's heavyweight wrestling champion, arrived in Calgary this morning to wrestle Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya at Victoria Pavilion tonight in the main event of a four-bout program arranged by the Foothills Athletic Club.

Mat Fans Mob Shibuya

In a wild and riotous battle that reached a climax when the crowd of more than 3,000 almost tore Victoria Pavilion apart at the seams in efforts to mob Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya, world's heavyweight wrestling champion Lou Thesz Thursday night came within an eyelash of losing his title to the tricky Japanese grappler.

Only the intervention of the crowd, which pulled Thesz through the ropes when Shibuya had him pinned, and the action of referee Les Watson in moving in to hand out a disqualification, kept Shibuya from getting a stranglehold on the

crown.

WINS FIRST FALL

Earlier in the bout Shibuya became one of the few wrestlers to take the first fall from Thesz when he used a throat chop, shoulder throw and press to pin the champion at 11:21.

but Shibuya blinded him with the salt, then turned on Thesz for what looked like the winning fall. However, fans grabbed Thesz by the legs and pulled him under the ropes while Watson disqualified Shibuya who was already proclaiming himself in mid-ring as new champion.

WILD TAG BRAWL

In an equally wild semi-windup, Rebel Russell and Con Bruno brawled their way to victory over Joe Campbell and George Gordienko. Russell took the first fall from Gordienko at 11:10 with blockbusters and throat stomps but George evened the count at 4:39.

He did it by rubbing Russell's own elbow bandage into the Rebel's eyes and then slamming him in a wild session of bar room type brawling. After that Bruno, who had supplied most of the fireworks in the early stages, clinched the verdict by pinning Campbell

Shibuya Gives Thesz A Bad Time

Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya, Calgary's wrestling villain, almost took over the world's heavyweight wrestling title from Lou Thesz at Victoria Pavilion Thursday night, before more than 3,000 fans. Lou Thesz won the match by disqualification to Shibuya.

If not for Shibuya's use of illegal work during the third and final round, Thesz's crown would have been placed on a new champ today, even though many fans wouldn't have liked it that way.

SINCE THESZ has held the world's heavyweight wrestling title it was the first time that he took the first fall of a match.

With his great strength and rough tactics, he gave the Japanese grappler quite a going over at the beginning of the first round.

Shibuya, who never has been beaten in Calgary, solved the awkward southpaw style of Thesz and went to work to capture the first fall at 11:21, with a throw to the ropes and a slap followed up with a press.

Thesz' tricky work earned him a tying fall at 7:21. While continuing his first round working over, Thesz used a dropkick from the ropes, followed by a press to even the match.

There were more fireworks in the final round, with Shibuya holding the edge over the titlist, but illegal tactics brought the match to a sudden end with the disqualification of Shibuya, leaving Thesz as winner.

IN THE SEMI-WINDUP, featuring Con Bruno and Bob (Rebel) Russell against George Gordienko and Joe Campbell, the villains Bruno and Russell won the best two of three falls to win the match. The match was timed at 45 minutes.

Jean Bailargeon was disqualified in the special event and Ted Christy won the match at 9:21. The opening bout featured Leo Numa taking the one-fall event over Big Bob Mike, with body slams and a press at 12:20.

CALGARY

June Byers Wins Action Packed Wrestling Bout

It was June Byers of the lady wrestlers, who caught the eyes of the wrestling fans at Victoria Pavilion Wednesday night. Miss Byers took the odd fall over Joyce Ford in the 45 minute semi-final to win the match.

In the main event of the night's card, Kinji "Mighty Kojo" Shibuya and Con Bruno filled the card with action and kept the fans on their toes.

THE FIRST FALL of the main-go went to Shibuya at the 18 minute mark, with body slams and press, while Bruno came back in the second round to even the match with the same treatment, body slams and press at 6:43.

The bout ended in a rousing battle. Bruno for the first minutes or so, gave Shibuya a going over, but at six minute mark the match reversed, when Shibuya went to his pockets for salt and used it in Bruno's eyes.

THE SEMI-FINAL between Joyce Ford and June Byers presented plenty of action, as Miss Byers took the first fall at 11:40, with a punch to the chest of Miss

Ford and a press. Miss Ford came back within the next 11 minutes to even the match when she used monkey flips with a press to earn the fall.

The final fall saw both ladies outside the ring several times. Byers was even outside the ring, when she started to end the match. Coming from the outside apron, Miss Byers gave Joyce Ford another one of those punches to the stomach followed by a cress, and ended the match at 11:55.

THE SPECIAL EVENT was quite a match, when Bob "Rebel" Russel edged out Leo Numa in a 45 minute bout.

Russel took the first fall at 12:59, with a back-neck stretch, and not more than four minutes latter, Numa was right there with body slams and press to tie up the bout.

The third round was the beginning of the action, when Russel with a series of punches and throat stomps took battle at 2:50.

In the opening bout, Big Bob Mike and Joe Blanchard wrestled to a draw.

Calgary.

Final Groan Card Tonight

Final arrangements for tonight's season-final wrestling program at Victoria pavilion call for two tag matches to be decided by best of three falls in time limits of one fall each, while Con Bruno and Kinji (Mighty Kojo) Shibuya fight to a finish for one fall and no time limit.

Lilly Bitters and Bonnie Watson, and the other girls' team of June Byers and Mary Jane Mull, will clash in the final of the round-robin tournament that drew one of the season's biggest crowds last week. In the men's tag, Leo Numa and Joe Campbell will meet George Gordienko and Big Bob Mike.

OPENING BOUT at 8:30 p.m. will put Pete Shologan of Lethbridge against Joe Blanchard of the Edmonton Eskimo football team for one fall in 20 minutes.

Dave Ruhl has been named to referee the girls' tag championship event while Les Watson will be referee in charge of the Bruno-Shibuya match and the men's tag.

MINNEAPOLIS JUNE 30, 1953.

Thesz Is 'on Own' in Gagne Title Go

For the first time since Ed (Strangler) Lewis became his manager, wrestling champion Lou Thesz will be "on his own" Tuesday night for a big time defense of his heavyweight title.

Thesz is scheduled to stake his crown at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday against Vern Gagne, the No. 1 challenger.

BUT LEWIS, the one-time world mat king who took over as Lou's pilot five years ago, won't be here. His extensive business interests, he told Promoter Tony Stecher, will require his undivided attention Tuesday.

For the five years that the Strangler has piloted Thesz, Lou has been undefeated. Son of a Hungarian cobbler and middleweight matman, Lou has had the benefit of instruction and coaching from Lewis, always in the German lan-

guage, for all important matches.

Thesz asked Stecher twice to postpone the bout and got two cold turndowns.

With a "neutral," Bob Foster of Des Moines, Iowa, scheduled to referee and with a home town crowd to cheer him on, Gagne will get his best chance to win the world title that experts have assured him will soon be his. He edged Thesz in a Chicago meeting, according to many experts, but got no better than a draw from the referee.

KINJI SHIBUYA, the Japanese mat master from Honolulu, returns in the semi-windup to face Farmer Marlin. Bigger than ever, the Oriental sleeper hold artist now scales 231.

Joe Pazandak meets Billy Darnell, a topflight easterner making his local debut, in the special event. A fourth bout will be signed.

Stecher Refuses Thesz' Plea to Bar Gagne Hold

Promoter Tony Stecher Monday refused a last-minute plea by Lou Thesz that the sleeper hold be barred for his wrestling title defense against Vern Gagne at the Minneapolis auditorium tonight.

The fact that the Gagne "sleeper" is banned in St. Louis, Lou's home town, is no reason why it should be outlawed here, Stecher held.

Gagne has hinted that he hopes to clamp the lullaby hold on Thesz sometime during their one-hour clash tonight and lift the heavy-

weight crown which Lou has held for several years.

The champion will have to struggle along without his manager, Ed (Strangler)



Thesz



Gagne

Lewis, who was kept away by press of other business.

The referee will be Bob Foster, one-time mat star from Des Moines, Iowa, and now the leading grappling official in Iowa.

Kinji Shibuya, the Japanese matman who wrestles out of Hawaii, returns in the semi-windup to face Farmer Marlin.

Other bouts send Billy Darnell in his local debut against Joe Pazandak, and Boston Mike Clancy against Tony Baillargeon. Starting time is 8:30 p.m.

MINNEAPOLIS JUNE 30, 1953

Gagne Gets Draw With Champ Thesz

Lou Thesz and Vern Gagne wrestled to a 60-minute draw at the Minneapolis Auditorium Tuesday night before 8,641 fans.

Thesz, the National Wrestling Alliance champion, was not the aggressor in this bout. The crowd booed lustily the draw decision of referee Bob Foster, who was imported from Omaha to handle the match.

With Ed "Strangler" Lewis, Thesz' manager absent, Joe Pazandak took over in the champions corner.

POLICE protection was needed for Pazandak as the pro-Gagne crowd took issue to Joe being in the champion's corner.

Gagne tried desperately to pull out a victory in the last minutes. Gagne used a rolling leg split to throw Thesz around in his final bid for victory. The last time Gagne slammed Thesz to the mat, Lou appeared to be knocked out. As the time keeper called out the 60th minute, Thesz lay prone on the mat, virtually senseless.

Consequently, had it not been for the time limit elapsing, Gagne might have pinned the champion and taken the title.

Twice during the bout, Gagne applied his deathly sleeper hold, but on each occasion, he failed to render Thesz unconscious because both men were perspiring so freely. Vern could not retain his grip.

THESZ MADE only two serious bids for victory when he had Gagne in trouble with a leg scissors. Vern struggled for more than three minutes before he could wriggle loose.

The results:



Up and Over Vern Gagne sends Lou Thesz flying through the air in Tuesday night's wrestling match at the Auditorium. The match went 60 minutes to a draw.—(Staff Photo by Earl Seube rt.)

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 7, 1953

Shibuya Falls But Prompts Big Mat Riot

Pat O'Connor pinned Kinji Shibuya after a furious wrestling match lasting 25 minutes and 11 seconds Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

A battle royal in which wrestlers and spectators participated created one of the worst riots staged during a wrestling bout in Minneapolis in years.

AFTER O'Connor had pinned him for a clean fall, Shibuya knocked out Referee Joe Krecji as he raised Pat's arm as the winner.

Having kayoed Krecji, Shibuya then knocked out O'Connor with a chop blow on the back of the neck as O'Connor was about to leave the ring.

Then things really happened. Several spectators of the 4,326 jumped into the ring and two of them walloped Shibuya with resounding haymakers before wrestlers Jack Pesek, Mike Clancy and Tony Baillargeon climbed into the ring. The wrestlers ganged up on Shibuya and pinned him in a corner.

Thinking they had calmed Shibuya down, they released him from their hold, whereupon the Japanese slugged Pesek. Pesek slugged back and the two traded punches for almost a minute before police entered and broke up the brawl.

THE O'CONNOR-Shibuya match was a thrilling affair with honors virtually even up to the time O'Connor slammed his foe to the mat three times gaining the fall.

Hard Boiled Haggerty made a non-scheduled appearance when he substituted for Billy Darnell of Philadelphia and quickly subdued Reggie Lisowski in 5:47.

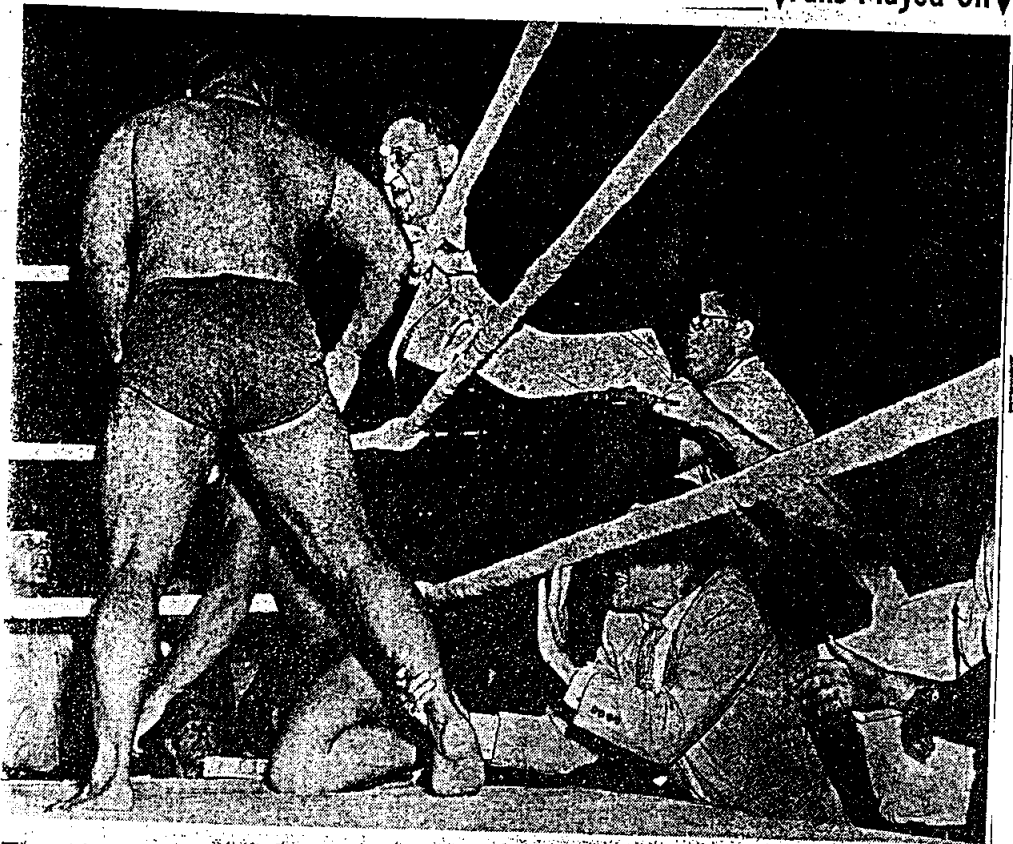
Pat O'Connor, 236, New Zealand, pinned Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, 25:11.

Tony Baillargeon, 210, Quebec, won on a foul from Ivan Rasputin, 248, Brooklyn, 16:17.

Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, pinned Reggie Lisowski, 237, Milwaukee, 5:47.

Jack Pesek, 235, Lincoln, Neb., and Mike Clancy, 220, Boston, Mass., drew, 30 minutes.

The Match Was
Over But the
Fans Played On



The match had ended and the fighting was supposed to be all over. But things got rougher. Kinji Shibuya, Japanese wrestler (back to camera), didn't like the way he was treated Tuesday at the Minneapolis auditorium when Pat O'Connor (kneeling on mat) won their match. Shibuya knocked down referee Joe Krecji, Omaha, Neb., and match-

maker Wally Karbo. That enraged some fans, including the unidentified man in the dark suit who struck Shibuya with his fist before an usher (lower right) pulled him away, almost detaching his trousers. Another fan (in light suit) grabbed the 231-pound wrestler's ankle. The whole thing brought on a near riot in the auditorium.

JUL 8 1953

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 3 1953

Diet of Raw Fish Makes

By JACK CONNOR
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

Among the things on which Kinja Shibuya prides himself is his fishing prowess.

Which is what might come naturally to a Japanese wrestler born in Honolulu.

But Kinji came by his love in a way you wouldn't expect. He sold sporting goods in Honolulu to work his way through a sociology major at the University of Hawaii.

That way he got to be quite a hand with a deep-sea fishing outfit. Specialized on marlin, and his record is a 400-pounder.

Kinji admits he's good at skin diving, too. His favorite pastime in that sport was diving for sharks in the waters off Honolulu with a long-handled spear his only weapon.

Things might have gone on like that indefinitely—selling

sporting goods, fishing marlin and spearing sharks. But then Kinji met Janet. They were married.

That ended the selling, the fishing and the spearing. The Shibuyas needed a steadier, more lucrative source of income. Kinji's 231-pound frame seemed to fit him for wrestling.

Tetsuo Higami, the Japanese "Rubber Man" who once owned the world middleweight wrestling cham-

Shibuya Rugged Wrestler

pionship, stepped into the picture.

He taught Kinji judo and sumo and got him matches in Japan where he beat the best of them.

Meanwhile, the Honolulu-born Japanese continued his taste for fish, even though he was now too busy to catch them. To this day his favorite delicacy is a fish—eaten raw.

"They contain vitamins and juices that build up my

muscle," Kinji says.

On the fish his wife pours a special sauce, made from an old Japanese recipe. It is compounded of soy beans, sugar, a special flavoring and fresh ginger.

"Nobody else can make that sauce like Janet," Kinji says. "It's been responsible for my success."

Tuesday night he gets a chance to put it to the test against Pat O'Connor in the wrestling headliner at the

Auditorium. Kinji will be gunning for the No. 2 spot held by O'Connor as a contender for the heavyweight throne of Lou Thesz.

HE THINKS Yukon Eric is big, but, he says, "I've beat bigger men." He thinks Vern Gagne could take Thesz with his sleeper in a rematch.

"But," says Kinji, "I've got a sleeper that's more potent than Gagne's. It comes from the strength I acquired eating raw fish."

Shibuya Faces O'Connor; Seeks Foe's No. 2 Rating

Kinji Shibuya will aim at the No. 2 contender's rating when he battles Pat O'Connor in the wrestling main event Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

The bulky Japanese matman from Hawaii currently ranks as the top Far Easterner now practicing the art of hammerlocks in this country.

But, Shibuya said today, he wants O'Connor's No. 2 spot to buttress his argument for a shot at the world championship. He'll get it, he predicted, with his Oriental sleeper hold.

Signed today for the semi-windup were Ivan Rasputin, the Russian bear-hug practitioner from Brooklyn, and Tony Ball-largeon. Rasputin is a 248-pounder.

JUL 3 1953

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 7, 1953

MEETS O'CONNOR TONIGHT

Sleeper? Shibuya May Rely on Throat Chop

Kinji Shibuya warned today he may befuddle everybody, including Pat O'Connor, by hacking down the New Zealander with a throat chop in the main event of the wrestling card at the Minneapolis auditorium tonight.

"What's all the fuss about the sleeper hold?" asked the 231-pound Japanese from Hawaii. "I didn't even bother to use it in some of my Minneapolis matches."

Shibuya allowed that he's also a master of all other mat

holds and styles, from sumo and judo to catch-as-catch-can.

The bulky Oriental today also offered to "take care" of next week's headliners, Yukon Eric and Hard Boiled Haggerty, after he gets through with O'Connor tonight.

Ivan Rasputin, the Russian from Brooklyn who likes the bear hug hold, returns to offer another test to Tony Baillargeon, rising youngster from Canada, in the semiwindup.

Billy Darnel tackles Reggie Lisowski and Mike Clancy faces Jack Pesek in other bouts. Starting time is 8:30 p.m.



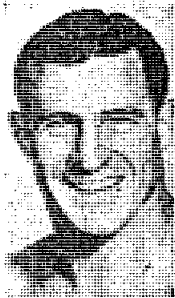
KINJI AND JANET SHIBUYA

Her special cooking keeps him fit

O'CONNOR HOPING FOR BOUNCE TO TITLE MIX

Young Pat O'Connor will seek to bounce back into the wrestling title picture at the Minneapolis auditorium tonight.

A decisive win over Kinji Shibuya, Oriental sleeper hold artist, will be just the thing to make champion Lou Thesz sit up and take notice, O'Connor figured.



O'Connor

Billy Darnell against Reggie Lisowski, and Jack Pesek against Boston Mike Clancy.

The 236-pound O'Connor will have to guard against what Shibuya claims to be the deadliest sleeper hold in the business. Although the maneuver has been under fire again recently, it will be permitted tonight.

Kinji, 231, also uses a judo chop attack.

Tony Baillargeon, flashy Canadian muscle man, tangles with Ivan Rasputin, Russian bear-hugger from Brooklyn, in the semiwindup.

Other tiffs, starting at 8:30 p.m., pit

JUL 7 1953

Wed., July 8, 1953 — THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR — ★★ 37

CHARLES JOHNSON'S Lowdown on Sports



Wrestlers Out of Hand

★ EVERY TIME the wrestling business enjoys a little sustained prosperity the participants insist on getting out of hand.

There is no excuse for such incidents as happened after Pat O'Connor had defeated Kinji Shibuya at the Auditorium last night.

The match had been decided. The Japanese immediately went berserk. He knocked out the referee and then engaged in a free-for-all with fellow grapplers who tried to subdue him. Spectators tried to get into the act, but had only fair success.

Promoter Tony Stecher must take the blame for this sort of roughhouse. He is supposed to have his men under control at all times. They are easily disciplined. Certainly they must get warnings as to how far they can go before swinging into action.

Wrestling here has been free of such brawls in recent months but the muscle men apparently can be held in check only so long. This episode was uncalled for and doesn't do anything but drive the fans away.

★ ★ ★

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 14, 1953

SHIBUYA VS. KAMAROFF IN TUESDAY SEMIFINAL

Wrestler Kinji Shibuya, who started something of a fan riot here last Tuesday, signed Thursday for a semi-windup appearance on next week's mat card at the Minneapolis auditorium.

The 231-pound Japanese judo artist will meet Ivan Kamaroff, New York Russian, Tuesday night. Shibuya said

he hoped the referee would be somebody other than Joe Krecji of Omaha, Neb., who —according to Kinji— "protected" Pat O'Connor in their meeting of last Tuesday.

The headliner is the classic of the season involving Yukon Eric, 275-pound Alaska outdoorsman, and Hard Boiled Haggerty, the mad Irishman of wrestling.

JUL 10 1953

YUKON SILENT

JUL 13 1953

It's Irresistible vs. Immovable

When the irresistible meets the immovable you have what is known among mathematicians as the "impasse." Which means nobody gets anywhere.

But Hard Boiled Haggerty, whose 253 pounds are claimed to be irresistible, promises there'll be no "impasse" at the Auditorium Tuesday night when he collides with the supposedly immovable 275 pounds of Yukon Eric.

"SO FAR," says Haggerty, "this Yukon feller has been winning by doing nothing. Immovable, ha! My knee drop will move him!"

To that Yukon, the strong, silent, Alaskan type, said nothing.

He is inclined to let his record speak for itself, and that seems to be good enough—six straight victories in Minneapolis, all achieved in short order without the necessity of Yukon doing much moving.

BUT THE possibilities of the irresistible meeting the immovable have intrigued fans to the point where they are spurring the advance sale of ducats as they've never been spurred before for a grapple fest in Minneapolis.

As if the Haggerty-Yukon menu were not enough, Promoter Tony Stecher has also booked Kinji Shibuya against Ivan Kamaroff. And Kinji, it will be remembered, is the grappler who created pandemonium last Tuesday by knocking out both referee Joe Krecji and Pat O'Connor after Joe had declared Pat the winner.

SPEAKING of referees, Stecher has not yet succeeded in finding a referee for the Haggerty-Yukon go. He's concentrating on that little problem today.

The rest of Tuesday's card has Joe Pazandak against Jack Pesek and Ivan Rasputin against Bob (Mr. America) McCune.

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 14, 1953

JUL 12 1953

Haggerty-Yukon Eric Winner to Be Top '54 Attraction

Attention of the wrestling world will be riveted on the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night when Yukon Eric and Hard Boiled Haggerty tangle in Promoter Tony Stecher's mat extravaganza of the season.

Stecher said leading pro-

motors like Henri DeGlane in Paris, Ted Thye in Australia and others in Hawaii, New Zealand and major American mat centers have asked for a flash on the outcome.

The winner, Stecher said, likely will become the fair-haired boy of wrestling and one of the very top attractions of the 1953-54 season.

"This match means more to me," Haggerty admitted, "than any other I've ever had."

"He isn't kidding," Stecher remarked. "The winner will make top money anywhere."

The match pits the 'half-Swede, half-Eskimo' Yukon Eric, who boasts 275 pounds, the game's biggest torso, six straight Minneapolis wins, a liking for bear meat and goat's milk, a third-grade education, a Cadillac and a satisfying bank account, against the Irish wild man of wrestling, 253-pound Haggerty.

No Minneapolis foe has yet lasted 12 minutes with Yukon.

Stecher said he was still seeking a referee but wasn't

too worried.

Signed Saturday to complete the card were Joe Pazandak and Jack Pesek.

Other bouts send Japanese Kinji Shibuya against Ivan Kamaroff, and Ivan Rasputin against Bob (Mr. America) McCune.



YUKON ERIC



HARD BOILED HAGGERTY

Mat 'Villain' Haggerty Has Charm, Too

MINNEAPOLIS MORNING TRIBUNE
Mon., July 13, 1953 ★★ 25

A contrast within himself and a definite contrast from Yukon Eric, the giant he meets in Tuesday's wrestling feature, is this Hard Boiled Haggerty.

Haggerty, a good-looking guy, is a villain to Minneapolis mat followers.

Haggerty, whose wrestling specialty is the painful knee drop on the throat, has been known to sip tea and discuss

items of cultural interest on a television program. A man of charming personality, he is a whirlwind roughhouse in the ring.

Haggerty, at 253 pounds and one of the heavier wrestlers in the sport, is also one of the fastest.

And Haggerty, a virtual unknown a year ago, has become one of Minneapolis' best-known wrestlers.

That's in contrast to the

stolid, 275-pound Eric—a pillar-post type of man.

Whereas Haggerty has shown in the past year that he knows and can use the tools of scientific wrestling, Eric in six previous Minneapolis appearances this year has depended primarily on brute strength and apparent invulnerability.

The burly Alaskan is working on a string of six straight

local victories merely by allowing his victims to wear themselves out bouncing off him.

Haggerty thinks his speed and skill can stop Eric. He further predicted Sunday that he will be world heavyweight champion in a year, claiming present world titlist Lou Thesz will have to give him a title match if he gets past Eric.

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 14, 1953

FOSTER NAMED REFEREE

Haggerty, Eric Mix Tonight

The curtain of mystery was lifted today from the Yukon Eric-Hard Boiled Haggerty battle of the ages at the Auditorium tonight.

The referee will be Bob Foster of Des Moines, Iowa.

Promoter Tony Stecher put the okay stamp on Foster after watching him officiate such major local mat classics as Lou Thesz vs. Vern Gagne, Gagne vs. Pat O'Connor and Thesz vs. Paul Baillargeon.

Foster was a top flight wrestler himself in his day and Stecher figures if anybody can

preserve law and order both in and out of the ring tonight it should be Foster.

A record shattering crowd of nearly 10,000 is expected to jam the Auditorium and come up with a record local purse of around \$20,000 for the four-match card starting at 8:30 p.m.

About 750 general admission tickets at \$1 per copy will go on sale at the Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Stecher said ring-side and other seats also are still available.

The opener will feature Joe Pazandak against Jack Pesek,

then Ivan Rasputin against Bob McCune and Kinji Shibuya against Ivan Kamaroff.

Matchmaker Wally Karbo announced interest in the Haggerty-Yukon clash has developed so much steam fans are coming in from throughout the state, North and South Dakota and as far away as Winnipeg, Canada.

Additional seating facilities have been installed at the Auditorium to handle the crowd.

Opinions on the outcome among other wrestlers are about even.



HARD BOILED HAGGERTY

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 14, 1955

Haggerty Ends Yukon Eric Streak; Purse Record Set

Hard Boiled Haggerty turned apparent defeat into a 15 minute and 48 second pin over Yukon Eric Tuesday night before a turn-away crowd of 9,641 at the Minneapolis auditorium.

The much-talked about match established a record for wrestling gate receipts in Minnesota. The gross receipts were \$20,012.90 with a net of \$16,683.44.

ERIC UNWITTINGLY helped end his six-match winning streak here. After having considerably the better of the contest, he lifted Haggerty high in the air and brought him down for his famous shoulder back-breaker.

This happened near the ropes and Eric, in lifting his 253-pound opponent, lost his balance and as Haggerty went over the top rope, he pulled Eric with him.

Eric landed on his head outside the ring and was badly stunned. Haggerty also was badly shaken up, but managed to climb back into the ring as Referee Bob Foster reached the count of 14.

THEN as Eric struggled to his feet and started to get back into the ring, Haggerty leaped upon Eric from the apron of the ring, knocking him to the floor for a second time.

Haggerty climbed back into the ring once more and as Yukon followed him through the ropes, Haggerty grabbed him with a headlock and lifted him in the air and slammed him to the mat.

Eric was knocked out completely, but Haggerty made sure of things by kneeling the Alaskan several times in the face before pinning him for the fall.

The match lived up to all expectations for thrills as the two giants battled furiously all the way.

ERIC PUNISHED Haggerty severely with a series of headlocks and had him dangerously close to a fall several times but the New Yorker somehow managed to wriggle out of danger before Referee Foster could complete the count of three.

This was the second all-time record set by Promoter Tony Stecher. In boxing, he drew a record gate of \$41,000 with Willie Pep and Jackie Graves in 1946.

Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, pinned Yukon Eric, 275, Fairbanks, Alaska, 15:48.

Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, Hawaii, pinned Tony Ballargeon, 210, Quebec, Canada, 15:58.

Bob McCune, 238, Schenectady, N. Y., won on a foul over Ivan Rasputin, 248, Brooklyn, N. Y., 18:08.

Joe Pazandak, 241, Minneapolis, and Jack Pesek, 235, Lincoln Neb., drew in 30.

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 21, 1953

HERE TUESDAY NIGHT FEATURE

**'Tag' Is Wrestling
at Its Wildest JUL 20 1953**

Wrestling in its wildest form—a tag team match—will take over the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Vern Gagne and Pat O'Connor are to battle Hard Boiled Haggerty and Kinji Shibuya in the headline event of the annual and official Aquatennial mat card.

Tag team wrestling is a relative stranger to Minneapolis but as viewers of TV mat films are aware it can best be described as madhouse on the mat.

The tag rules provide that only one member of a team can be in the ring at one time, with the other hanging onto a short rope attached to a ringpost.

Team partners can change places by touching hands over the top rope.

But grapplers of the ruffian order sometimes attempt to achieve a two-on-one effect when the referee isn't looking, and frequently the tag referee wishes he had traffic signals in the ring to control the crisscrossing and coming and going.

Another favorite trick is to shove your opponent within punching range of your partner.

THREE man-to-man matches round out the Aqua show. They pit 290-pound Sky Hi Lee against Jack Pesek, Mike Clancy against the bearded newcomer Ivan Kamalkoff, and Tony Baillargeon against Ole Olson.

**GAGNE, O'CONNOR TEAM UP
IN TAG MATCH ON JULY 21**

Vern Gagne and Pat O'Connor will pair in a tag team match that will headline the annual Aquatennial wrestling program at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night, July 21.

Aqua officials said Saturday one of the nation's top tag duos is being sought to oppose the two youngsters who recently battled to a one-hour draw in Minneapolis.

The event is staged by the Aquatennial, with Tony Stecher assisting as matchmaker. Regular wrestling prices will prevail, officials said, with the ladies free policy suspended.

**Big Ski Hi Lee
on Aquatennial
Wrestling Card**

Ski Hi Lee, wrestling's human skyscraper, Wednesday was added to the Aquatennial mat program booked for Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium. The 290-pound giant was signed for a semiwindup.

Headlining the fourth annual Aquatennial wrestling card is a tag team match pitting Vern Gagne and Pat O'Connor against Hard Boiled Haggerty and Kinji Shibuya.

Aqua officials said tickets for the show will go on sale today.

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 21, 1953

AT AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

JUL 21 1953

Tag Wrestling Too Hard on Everybody, Says Karbo

Wally Karbo, who has done a spot of mat refereeing hereabouts in his day, figures it is a good thing the Aquatennial tag team grapple fest comes only once a year.

"It's too hard on everybody—the fans, the wrestlers and referees," says Karbo.

This year's event, scheduled for the Auditorium tonight, promises to outdo the wild and woolly 1952 edition by several

wrestling is a cross between outright mayhem and a three-ring circus. Just about everything is in the ring except traffic lights.

The bout is a best two out of three falls with a 60-minute time limit and a three-minute rest period between falls. They need it.

In Hollywood they figured the game was so rough the California athletic commission ordered two referees for all tag

team matches. They're a little more robust in Chicago and Minneapolis, however, and these two cities still string along with one referee.

Other bouts, starting at 8:30 p.m., send the 290-pound giant, Sky Hi Lee, against Jack Pesek; the bearded Russian menace, Ivan Kamalkoff, against Mike Clancy in the former's Minneapolis debut; and Ole Olson of Winnipeg against Tony Baillargeon.

AQUATENNIAL MATCH TONIGHT

Four Matmen With Single Purpose—Tag Roughhouse

The wrestlers will play "tag" at the Minneapolis auditorium tonight, but it won't be the kiddie version of this famous old pastime.

In a combat labeled with a "for-brave-men-only" stamp, Vern Gagne and Pat O'Connor will battle Hard Boiled Haggerty and Kinji Shibuya in the tag team bout headlining the annual Aquatennial wrestling card.

Wrestling's mayhem version of the old game of tag pits a team of two against two—with only one partner permitted in the ring at once. At

least, that's the theory. In practice, the traffic in the ring tends to get a bit confusing at times.

O'Connor wants to get even with Shibuya tonight for a recent post-bout wallop. Kinji wants to put his Oriental sleeper on Gagne; also a sleeper expert. Haggerty wants to lick both Vern and Pat—about the only two he hasn't.

Other bouts, starting at 8:30 p.m., send the mat skyscraper, Sky Hi Lee, against Jack Pesek; the bearded Russian, Ivan Kamalkoff, in his local debut against Mike Clancy, and Ole Olson against Tony Baillargeon.

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 21, 1953

ANNUAL AQUATENNIAL
WRESTLING
MPLS.—AIR-COOLED
AUDITORIUM
TONIGHT
8:30 P.M.
*The Nation's Top Tag
Match—What a Match!*
**VERN GAGNE &
PAT O'CONNOR**
— VS. —
**KINJI SHIBUYA &
'Hard-Boiled' Haggerty**
Prices—Entire Main Floor \$3.50
Balcony \$2.50, \$2.00—Gallery \$1.50
TICKETS: Downtown Ticket Office
Also 605 Hotel Dyckman and Aquatennal
Ticket Office N.W. Bank Bldg.
Auditorium Box Office All Day Tuesday

JUL 22 1953
**Haggerty Didn't
Lose; Partner Did**

Hard Boiled Haggerty's "team" was beaten Tuesday night, but sweet, loyal Hard-Boiled still claimed he's the top wrestler in these parts.

Haggerty hinted today that his partner in last night's tag-team rattle-hassle at the Auditorium, a fellow named Kinji Shibuya, isn't a fit partner for man nor beast.

It was Shibuya who lost the match—not Haggerty.

Haggerty was very unhappy with his partner, Shibuya, because it was Kinji who was pinned twice—and as a result the heroes of last night's piece, enacted before 4,449 fans, were victorious, two falls to one.

The heroes, of course, were Vern Gagne and Pat O'Connor.

Haggerty, who has been known to bend the wrestling rules on occasion, may have blamed last night's defeat on Shibuya after the show was over, but in the opening minutes he thought Kinji was a pretty nice fellow.

He and Shibuya ganged up on O'Connor in the first 15 minutes, and finally wore him out. Kinji pinned him at 17:29.

It was after that Haggerty started to complain.

Kinji let O'Connor drag him to Gagne's corner, and Vern floored him with a dropkick.

MINNEAPOLIS JULY 21, 1953

Gagne, O'Connor Grab Tag Match

Vern Gagne of Robbinsdale and Pat O'Connor of New Zealand teamed up to defeat Hard Boiled Haggerty of New York and Kinji Shibuya of Honolulu in a tag-team wrestling match before 4,449 Aquatennial fans at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

The total time of the best-of-three fall matches was 46 minutes and 32 seconds.

HAGGERTY and Shibuya ganged up on O'Connor during the first part of the melee, each taking turns in working over the Irishman. Between the two roughians, they finally wore O'Connor to a point of exhaustion whereupon the Kinji pinned O'Connor in 17:29.

From that time on, Shibuya became the "fall guy."

Pat dragged Shibuya to Gagne's corner. Vern jumped over the ropes and floored Shibuya with a dropkick to the face. Then as Referee Bill Kuusisto restrained Haggerty in an opposite corner, Gagne and O'Connor lifted Shibuya high in the air and slammed

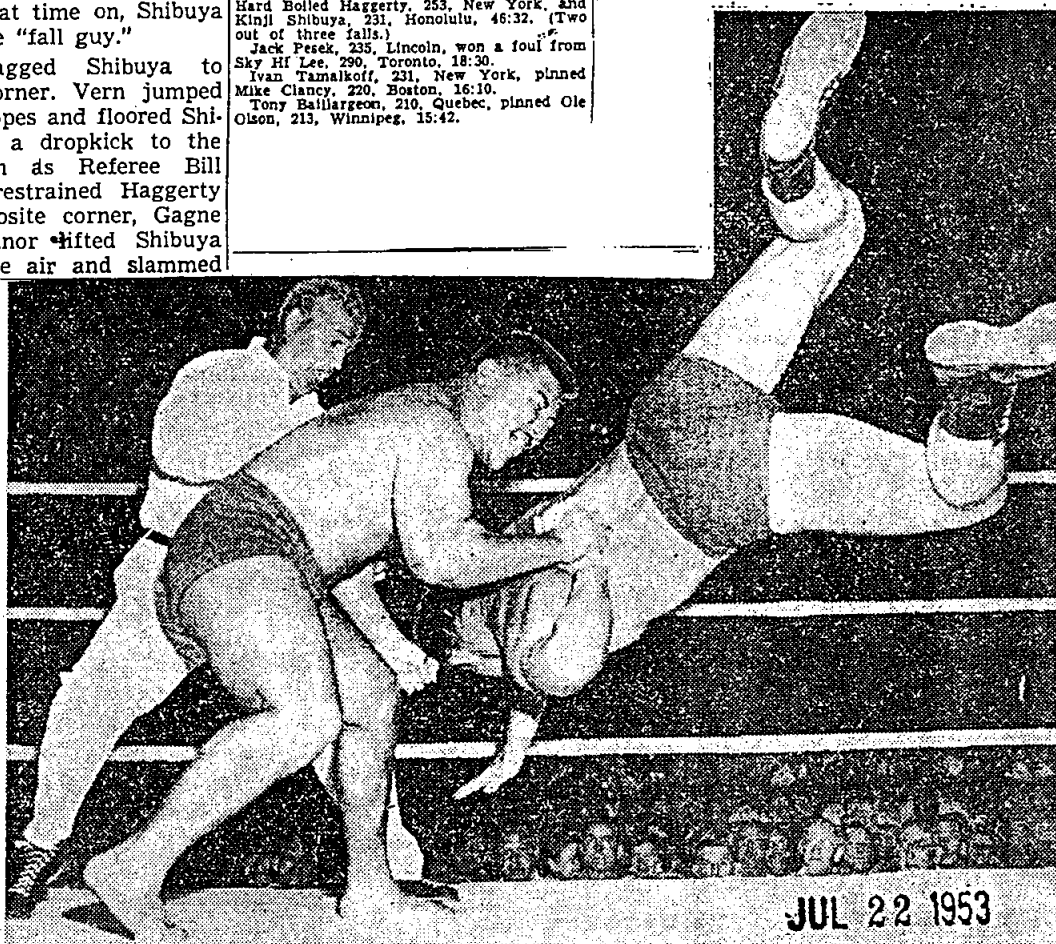
him to the mat.

Before Kuusisto saw what had happened, O'Connor left the ring and Gagne pinned Shibuya at 16:15.

GAGNE and O'Connor continued to concentrate on Shibuya for the third fall during which Haggerty's efforts to help his partner were thwarted by Gagne and Pat, each taking time to floor Haggerty with dropkicks to the face or haymakers to the jaw.

After Gagne booted Haggerty out of the ring, O'Connor applied a series of holds, floored Shibuya four times with dropkicks and pinned him at 12:58 for the final fall.

Vern Gagne, Robbinsdale, 221, and Pat O'Connor, 234, New Zealand, won from Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, and Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, 46:32. (Two out of three falls.)
Jack Pesek, 235, Lincoln, won a foul from Sky Hi Lee, 290, Toronto, 18:30.
Ivan Tamalkoff, 231, New York, pinned Mike Clancy, 220, Boston, 16:10.
Tony Baillargeon, 210, Quebec, pinned Ole Olson, 213, Winnipeg, 15:42.



FLIPPED OVER: Kinji Shibuya has the better of Pat O'Connor in this Star Sportsphoto by Paul Siegel. And the fact that O'Connor is flying through the air appears to even startle Referee Bill Kuusisto. But O'Connor, who teamed with Vern Gagne, won the tag team match 2-1 in falls, defeating Shibuya and his partner, Hard Boiled Haggerty, in the Aquatennial match at the Auditorium.

MINNEAPOLIS AUG. 11, 1953

McClarty Back to Meet Shibuya

Roy McClarty, former hockey star from Winnipeg, will return to Minneapolis wrestling Tuesday night at the armory. McClarty signed Thursday for a semiwindup bout with Kinji Shibuya.

Absent for about a year, McClarty has been given headline status recently in San Francisco. In Shibuya he'll take on the top Japanese grappler in the nation.

Yukon Ignores Bear Hugs, Beats Ivan

Since they have bears in Alaska, where Yukon Eric hails from, he is slightly disdainful of them.

Consequently the bear hugs that Ivan Rasputin tried to apply on him in the Minneapolis armory Tuesday night had little effect.

Rasputin lasted only eight minutes and 35 seconds.

Then the Russian bear hug specialist got tangled up with Yukon's shoulder backbreaker and informed Referee Bill Kuusisto he would rather not continue the festivities.

He struggled to his feet, walked shakily over to Yukon, shook the Alaskan's hand and left the ring before the astonished eyes of 5,137 fans.

the chin were merely shaken off by the Alaskan.

In other matches Kinji Shibuya of Honolulu pinned Roy McClarty of Winnipeg, Canada,

MINNEAPOLIS AUGUST 18, 1953

'Immovable' Boys Collide Tonight in Mat Feature

A couple of immovable objects will collide tonight on the Minneapolis armory wrestling mat. Two locomotive-size gents, Yukon Eric and Chest Bernard, are scheduled to tangle in the main event.

Both Yukon, 275, and Bernard, 273, specialize in letting opponents ram into and bounce off of their huge upper torsos. Kansas City's Bernard, however, promises to mix in some of his favorite judo tricks in his effort to chop down the mighty Alaskan.

The chop and sleeper expert from Honolulu, Kinji Shibuya, faces Iowa's Art Bull in the semiwindup.

Other bouts send Joe (The Champ) Pazandak against Roy McClarty, and Big Bill McDaniels against the rough southern newcomer, Art Nelson, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Chest Had It, Meaning Yukon Eric's

Barney Bernard of Kansas City wasn't so chesty Tuesday night at the Minneapolis armory when he met Yukon Eric in the main event of the wrestling match.

Coming into the match billed as "The Chest," Bernard fell to another chesty fellow from Alaska after a 9-minute, 16-second tussle before 5,691 fans.

Actually, Eric was too chesty for his opponent from the start. For the first time they collided chest to chest, it was The Chest who flew.



WANT A GOOD CURE for a headache? It's so simple. All you have to do is call Kinji Shibuya, the Japanese wrestler. George Anderson, WCCO-TV director, stopped out at Kinji's house the other afternoon and complained of one of those splitting headaches. Said Kinji, "Fold your arms with your elbows close to your body and put your two hands, palms in, over your eyes." George complied and with that, the wrestler threw his arms around George's body and gave him a terrific, old-fashioned bearhug from the back. George's pain started to subside, but Kinji was by no means through. He instructed George to lie flat on his back on the floor. Kinji then produced a bath towel, looped it under George's chin and began pulling him gently across the floor. They traversed the distance of the living room in that fashion. George got up, headache gone completely. Or maybe you'd rather take an aspirin? . . .

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 1, 1953

Stecher Clarifies Throat Stomp

Promoter Tony Stecher Sunday clarified Minneapolis wrestling regulations on the throat stomp, controversial maneuver favored by both main eventers in Tuesday night's mat headliner at the Minneapolis auditorium — Art Nelson and Hard Boiled Haggerty.

The stomp is only illegal, Stecher said, when the point of the knee is driven into the opponent's throat. Haggerty had asked a ban on the hold with which southerner Nelson has

Nelson Decries Haggerty Plea

Art Nelson, the wrestling rebel from Atlanta, Ga., asked today why Hard Boiled Haggerty is demanding a ban on the throat stomp "when Haggerty himself has been using it on practically everybody in this area."

The stomp is perfectly legal in the south, the 238-pound Nelson insisted, and he has used it to finish off two foes in Minneapolis just as a matter of course.

In fact, Nelson added, he intends to apply it to Haggerty in their main event at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night. Some of Haggerty's own medicine, Nelson implied, would be good for him.

Wrestling, Southern Style, Served Tonight

SEP 1 1953

Wrestling, southern style, will be demonstrated tonight in the Minneapolis auditorium. And it will be demonstrated, it was promised, to the dismay of Hard Boiled Haggerty.

Tangling in the main event with the 253-pound Haggerty will be Art Nelson, a rugged party from Atlanta, Ga., who seeks his third local mat victory.

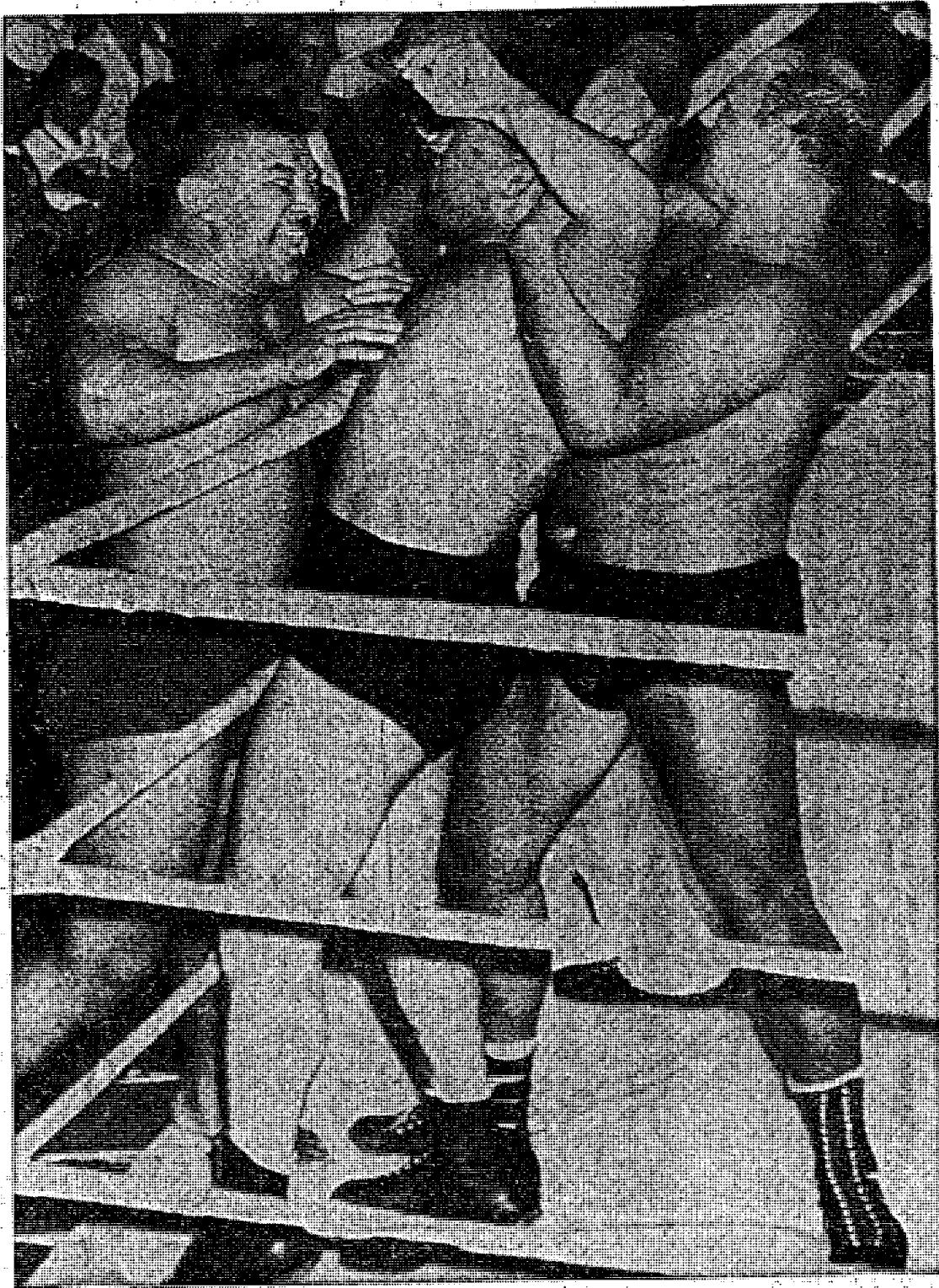
The 238-pound Nelson promises to use one of Haggerty's pet weapons, the throat stomp, to lay the Lithuanian-Irishman low. Nelson

was fined \$50 here last week for using a style that was a bit too southern for Promoter Tony Stecher.

A bruiser from San Francisco, wrestler Bob De Marc, is set to referee. He has instructions from Stecher to ax the first contestant who uses a throat stomp illegally.

The Honolulu Hammerer, Kinji Shibuya, tackles Ireland's Doran O'Hara in the semiwindup. Joe (The Champ) Pazandak meets Jack Pesek, and Chest Bernard faces Bob (Mr. America) McCune in other bouts, starting at 8:30 p.m.

WINNIPEG SEPT. 2, 1953



TWO TO ONE ODDS: Hard Boiled Haggerty and Kinji Shibuya prepare to clobber Butch Levy good while ref. Bill Kuusisto, in the background, urges them to cease and desist. Haggerty has Levy's arms and Shibuya is ready to clean clocks. Justice prevailed, though, and Levy and Pazandak beat the villains in the end.

WINNIPEG SEPT. 2, 1953

Wrestling

The Heroes Win Tag-Team Match

By WILF SMITH

The firm of Haggerty and Shibuya, Inc. (incapacitated) helped get the new grapple season off to an agreeable start Wednesday night at the Auditorium.

Hard Boiled Haggerty and Kinji Shibuya, a pair of villains from way back, fell victims to the heroes Jumping Joe Pazandak and big Butch Levy in their rousing tag-team headliner, which was the way it should be for the 3,000 assembled first-nighters.

Haggerty was expected to unveil his newly-developed throat stomp in this one but it was Pazandak who did the stomping, accounting for two of the three falls.

Shibuya got his side off to a good start by flattening Pazandak with a judo chop after 17 minutes of roughhouse tactics. Six minutes later Jumping Joe evened it with a fall over the Hawaiian (aided by Levy who belted Shibuya while Pazandak held him as referee Bill Kussisto was looking elsewhere).

The final fall didn't take long in developing. Pazandak caught Shl-

buya coming off the ropes, smote him mightily in the mid-section and pinning his shoulders was a formality. The losers objected strenuously after the verdict, of course, and the usual tag-team windup ensued.

Bob "Mr. America" McCune disposed of Jack Pesek in the semi-windup at 20:45. The body beautiful appeared too powerful for Pesek, and the finish came after McCune dumped him off the ropes.

In a pleasing, scientific exhibition, Edmonton's Stu Hart pinned Doran O'Hara, a Texan who lasted until the 16:45 mark. Then Hart dumped him on his shoulders after coming off the ropes to end the bout.

Bob DeMarce of Green Bay, Wis., substituted for Fred Stokar in the opener and Winnipeg's Ole Olsen closed strongly to gain the fall after 16:20.

All in all, the first card of the season was a well-balanced show and promoter Alex Turk has 25 more of them before next summer rolls around. Next card is set for Friday, Sept. 11.

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 8, 1953

Local Gal Hopes to Take Crown

Minneapolis ace girl wrestler, Millie Stafford, predicted Sunday that Mildred Burke, the world women's mat queen, is ready to be "taken."

Miss Stafford said she hopes to be the one to end Miss Burke's long reign when the two meet in part of a double main event at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night. La Stafford now has been wrestling five years — the length of time experts say it takes to produce a topflight professional.

It's 'Mr. America' vs. 'Mr. Universe'

It's "Mr. America" against "Mr. Universe" tonight on the Minneapolis auditorium wrestling auditorium mat.

Bob (Mr. America) McCune, who won that title in a San Francisco competition, co-headlines the weekly mat card against Hard Boiled Haggerty, who cheerfully confesses to being the world's best wrestler.

The match pits the steel muscles of the 238-pound McCune, a strength artist, against the devilry of the wild, 253-pound Lithuanian Irishman.

The two big fellows will share the spotlight with Mildred Burke, world women's mat queen, and Millie Stafford of Minneapolis. Black-haired Millie seeks to dethrone Miss Burke in the co-feature, also billed for a one-hour maximum.

Kinji Shibuya, the Hawaii Oriental, is set to try his judo and sleeper tactics on Stu Hart, flashy Canadian, in the semiwindup.

Other tiffs on the five-bout card send Joe Pazandak against Mike Clancy, and Jack Pesek against Jim Dobie, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Shibuya to Face Canadian Matter

Kinji Shibuya, the sleeper specialist, Friday drew Stu Hart, top Canadian wrestler, as semiwindup foe at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

At the same time Promoter Tony Stecher signed Joe (The Champ) Pazandak to meet Mike Clancy in a special event.

Bob (Mr. America) McCune is scheduled to battle Hard Boiled Haggerty in one main event, with women's champion Mildred Burke and Millie Stafford of Minneapolis in the other.

Haggerty, Villain Again, Wins Pin

Hard Boiled Haggerty, who has become somewhat of a hero in recent matches, reverted to type Tuesday night in pinning Bob (Mr. America) McCune at 21:02 of their wrestling feature at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Haggerty once again was the villain as he battered McCune with a series of rabbit punches and then used his brutal stomp as his foe lay helpless on the mat.

Ringside spectators were so incensed by Haggerty's actions that it required the efforts of several policemen to escort him to his dressing room.

McCune, a beautiful physical specimen, gave Haggerty a terrific tussle in the early stages. A crowd of 2,957 howled with delight when McCune floored

Haggerty with a series of drop-kicks to the face.

They cheered him when he belted Haggerty rubber-legged with some hefty right uppercuts to the chin. McCune had Hard Boiled dangerously close to a fall several times but the burly Irishman managed to wiggle loose.

Mildred Burke, Los Angeles, Calif., world women's champion, defended her title by defeating Millie Stafford, Minneapolis, after a lively struggle lasting 14:47.

Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, pinned Bob (Mr. America) McCune, 238, Schenectady, N. Y., 21:02.

Mildred Burke, 135, Los Angeles, Calif., pinned Millie Stafford, 138, Minneapolis, 14:46.

Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, T.H., pinned Stu Hart, 238, Edmonton, Canada, 11:32.

Joe Pazandak, 228, Minneapolis, pinned Mike Clancy, 220, Boston, Mass., 13:03.
Jack Pesek, 235, Lincoln, Neb., pinned Jim Dobie, 220, Detroit, Mich., 19:35.

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 15, 1953

Champ Thesz Set to Meet Shibuya

A rested Lou Thesz will defend his heavyweight mat crown against Kinji Shibuya Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

"If I'm beaten," the St. Louis titleholder informed promoter Tony Stecher, "it won't be because I'm not in perfect shape." Thesz has been vacationing in Hawaii and on the West coast.

Shibuya, on the other hand, has been sharpening his attack against a series of local victims. Shibuya will weigh 231 to 233 for Thesz. SEP 11 1953

Shibuya Can Set Record

Kinji Shibuya can become the first wrestler of Japanese descent to win the world heavyweight mat crown.

To turn the trick, he needs a win over Lou Thesz, current titleholder, at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Kinji Victory Poses Problem

Promoter Tony Stecher expressed concern Sunday over the announced intention of Kinji Shibuya to take the heavyweight wrestling title to Japan if he lifts it from champion Lou Thesz Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Stecher said he will confer with Shibuya about the matter today. He feared, Stecher said, a return to the chaotic title conditions that prevailed before the formation of the National Wrestling Alliance should the title be "mothballed" outside the United States.

Title to Japan if Shibuya Wins?

Wrestler Kinji Shibuya told Promoter Tony Stecher bluntly today he'll do just as he pleases with the heavyweight mat crown if he's successful in grabbing it away from Lou Thesz Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

He'd "no doubt" take the title where he could make the most money with it, the 231-pound sleeper hold and judo chop artist declared. And Shibuya said he had received some "pretty fine" offers to take it to Japan.

Shibuya Says Sleeper Hold Will Fold Thesz

Wrestler Kinji Shibuya hinted Monday that he'll trot out his sleeper hold at the Minneapolis auditorium tonight for the first time in weeks.

He'll use the maneuver, the 231-pound Japanese slasher indicated, for the special benefit of Lou Thesz, who puts his world heavyweight title on the line against Shibuya in the main event.

With the title at stake, the wily Oriental from Hawaii said he probably will use everything in his far-eastern-style arsenal.

"Thesz is only human," Shibuya noted. "He'll go to sleep, too."

Bob (Mr. America) McCune tangles with the Nebraska ruf-

windup.

Pierre La Belle, French-Canadian newcomer, debuts against Joe (The Champ) Pazandak, and Fred Stoeker faces Reggie Lisowski, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Two More Bouts on Wrestle Card

Promoter Tony Stecher signed two bouts Friday to round out his title wrestling card at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Pierre La Belle, said to be a speed flash from Quebec, Can., will debut here in the special event against Joe (The Champ) Pazandak. Fred Stoeker, former Iowa State star, will meet Reggie Lisowski of Milwaukee.

The Japanese expert, Kinji Shibuya, will battle Lou Thesz, the world heavyweight king, in the main event. The semi sends Bob (Mr. America) McCune against Emil Dusek.

Shibuya Sets 'Title' Plans

Kinji Shibuya said today he probably will take the world heavyweight wrestling title to Japan for an indefinite period if he succeeds in grabbing it from champion Lou Thesz at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Shibuya Gets Title Shot

Kinji Shibuya, wily Japanese wrestler, will get a shot at the heavyweight championship at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

The 231-pound Oriental from Honolulu signed today for a title meeting here with Lou Thesz of St. Louis in Tuesday's main event.

Shibuya climaxed his bid for a title chance by hacking down Stu Hart, highly rated Canadian, in Minneapolis last Tuesday. SEP 10 1953

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 15, 1953

MASTERS TAUGHT THESZ' FOE SEP 13 1953

Shibuya's Mat Education Best

Education is a wonderful thing, according to Kinji Shibuya, the Japanese wrestler from Honolulu who meets Lou Thesz for the world heavyweight-mat crown at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Especially, Shibuya added, if you have the best teachers.

THE WILY 231-pounder admitted Saturday that it was topflight tutoring that made him the world's best sleeper hold exponent, the most savage judo chopper and the master of American-style rough-house, all wrapped up in one expert package.

"I learned my sleeper from Tetsuo Higami, also known as the Rubber Man," said Kinji. "He once was a middleweight champion.

"My judo teacher was Masahiko Kimura, world judo champion and undefeated for 14 years. I also learned from Kaimon Kudo and Oki Shikina. You never heard of them but they were terrific."

THEN CAME Dick Raines, often called "King of the Ruffians" and the nation's No. 1 badman.

"I learned plenty from him," mused Shibuya.

All this education, Kinji said, will be used to teach Thesz a lesson and take away his title here Tuesday.

Bob (Mr. America) McCune hopes to start a new win streak against Emil Dusek in the semi-windup. Pierre La Belle, a French Canadian newcomer, faces Joe Pazandak, and Fred Stoeker battles Reggie Lisowski.

WRESTLING

MPLS. AUDITORIUM
Tomorrow (Tues.)—8:30 P.M.
FOR WORLD'S TITLE

Lou Thesz

VS.

Kinji Shibuya

and 3 other Star Bouts

No Advance in Prices
Prices \$2.40 — \$1.80 — \$1.20
TICKETS: Downtown Ticket Office
Also 605 Hotel Dyckman
Auditorium Box Office All Day Tuesday

Thesz Stays Awake, Wins on Foe's Foul

Wrestler Kinji Shibuya turned Japanese Sandman at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night. He threw a handful of ceremonial salt in the eyes of world champion Lou Thesz, but the maneuver did not catch referee Bill Kuusisto napping.

Kuusisto promptly disqualified Shibuya for trying to obstruct Thesz' vision, after 15 minutes and 30 seconds before a yowling crowd of 3,837.

The 231-pound Japanese from Hawaii belabored Thesz with judo chops and strangleholds for the first 15 minutes. He apparently plucked the salt from a pocket in his trunks, but chose a moment when Kuusisto was looking to try to send Thesz into dreamland.

Thesz' manager, Ed Strangler Lewis protested several times during the match that Shibuya was using illegal tactics and finally got the referee to agree with him.

Lou Thesz, 233, St. Louis, Mo., won by disqualification from Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, 15:30.

Bob McCune, 238, Des Moines, Iowa, pinned Emil Dusek, 235, Omaha, Neb., 20:09.
Joe Pazandak, 228, Minneapolis, pinned Pierre LaBelle, 210, Quebec, Canada, 16:27.
Butch Levy, 260, Minneapolis, pinned Reggie Lisowski, 242, Milwaukee, Wis., 21:44.

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 15, 1953

THESZ STILL CHAMP

MINNEAPOLIS MORNING TRIBUNE
Wed., Sept. 16, 1953 ★★ 23

Salt Throwing Beats Shibuya

Lou Thesz, world heavy-weight wrestling champ, didn't have to drape a foot over the ropes to keep Kinji Shibuya away, as Shibuya feared before Tuesday night's main go on the Auditorium mat.

Shibuya disqualified himself by throwing a handful of Japanese ceremonial salt at the eyes of Thesz before a howling crowd of 3,837. Referee Bill

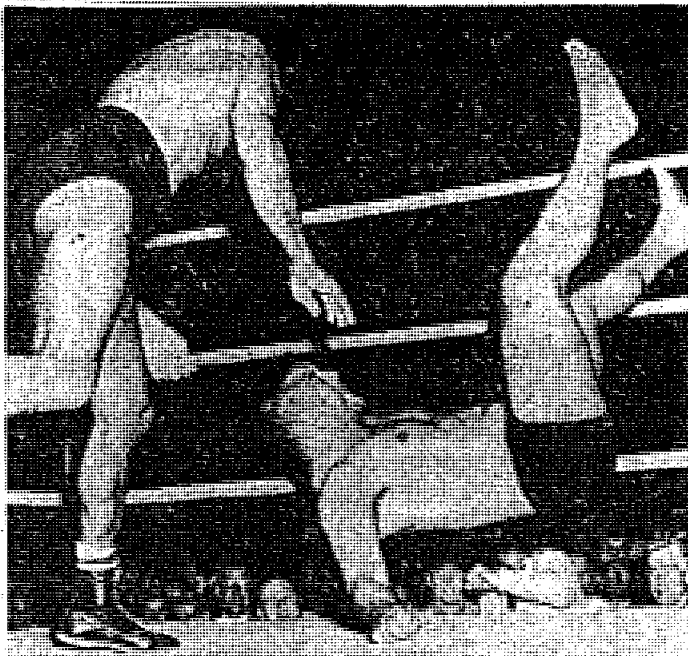
Kuusisto promptly awarded the match to Thesz at 15:30.

Kinji gave the champ a bad time of it for the first 15 minutes with a series of judo chops and strangleholds. Ed (Strangler) Lewis, manager of Thesz, protested several times about the illegal tactics.

This apparently infuriated Shibuya all the more. Unfortunately for him, he chose a

moment when Kuusisto was looking to throw the salt at Thesz, apparently extracting it from a pocket in his trunks.

In other matches Bob McCune of Des Moines, Iowa, pinned Emil Dusek of Omaha, Neb., at 20:09; Joe Pazandak of Minneapolis downed Pierre LaBelle of Quebec, Canada, at 16:27, and Butch Levy, Minneapolis, pinned Reggie Lisowski of Milwaukee, Wis., at 21:44.



BAREFOOT BOY Kinji Shibuya was thrown for a loss during the early part of his headline wrestling match with Lou Thesz at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night. Thesz won the match.—Star Sportsphoto.

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 22, 1953

SHIBUYA, TOO

Grapplers Protest New Edict

Kinji Shibuya, one of tonight's wrestling principals at the Minneapolis auditorium, and other matmen joined today in a mass protest against the new "crackdown" policy set out by Acting Promoter Dennis Stecher.

The Japanese mat warrior will battle New Zealand's Pat O'Connor in a grudge main go tonight.

THAT he's subject to national suspension if he doesn't appear, said Shibuya, is the only thing keeping him in town.

Shibuya can be disqualified without warning and fined his whole purse tonight if Referee Bob Foster and a three-man "crime detection" team at ringside decide that his judo chop has struck O'Connor on the front of the throat.

Hard Boiled Haggerty said there's nothing keeping him in town, and nothing will except a prompt withdrawal of the new "get-tough" regime.

Otherwise tonight, the California giant Vic Holbrook meets Art Nelson, brother Dick Holbrook faces Mike Clancy, and Bob (Mr. America) McCune tackles Juan Hernandez.

Four 'Refs' to Spot Mat Fouls

A "time-detection" team of four men will watch for wrestling offenses when Kinji Shibuya and Pat O'Connor battle in the main mat event Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Acting promoter Dennis Stecher announced today that referee Bob Foster of Des Moines, Iowa, will be assisted by three ringsiders in an effort to put teeth in the new "crackdown" policy on rule breakers.

Two of the three probably will be Mike Karbo, announcer, and Dr. J. P. Korchik, club physician, with the third to be named later.

Special purpose of the detection team will be to spot fouls which are to bring immediate disqualification, such as Shibuya's judo chop when aimed at the Adams apples.

Other Tuesday bouts pit giant Vic Holbrook against Art Nelson, Juan Hernandez against Bob (Mr. America) McCune, and Dick Holbrook against Mike Clancy.

'Detectives' Stalk 'Criminals' on Mat Card Tonight

Wrestling crime will not pay at the Minneapolis auditorium tonight when Kinji Shibuya battles Pat O'Connor.

That, at least, is the intention of acting promoter Dennis Stecher, who has ruled that major sins against the wrestling code will bring matdom's "capital punishment" — immediate disqualification plus a fine amounting to the offender's entire wages for the night.

Reference Bob Foster of Des Moines, Iowa, Stecher said, will be instructed to give the old heave-ho to any grappler making illegal use of the throat chop or stomp.

Assisting the referee in deciding whether the maneuvers are used illegally will be a three-man "crime-detection" team at ringside.

Giant Vic Holbrook of Long Beach, Calif., faces Art Nelson in the semi, with Juan Hernandez and Bob (Mr. America) McCune in the special event, and Mike Clancy against Dick Holbrook in the fourth mix.

Shibuya Warns Against 'Bans'

Wrestler Kinji Shibuya Friday warned the Minneapolis mat office against restricting his use of the sleeper hold and the judo chop.

The Japanese 231-pounder insisted that both maneuvers are legal and that he would appeal any restrictions to the National Wrestling alliance. His statement came after a hint that Dennis Stecher, acting promoter in his father's absence, was considering a crackdown on rules violators.

Shibuya meets Pat O'Connor in Tuesday night's main go at the Minneapolis auditorium, with Vic Holbrook and Art Nelson in the semi.

Holbrook Signs for Nelson Bout

Vic Holbrook, blond giant from Long Beach, Calif., signed Thursday for a semiwindup wrestling appearance Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Back in topflight competition after an injury layoff, the 65, 260-pound scissors star will meet the southern rebel, Art Nelson. Holbrook was an all-around athletic great at the University of Southern California some years back.

Pat O'Connor and Kinji Shibuya are set for the main event.

WRESTLING

Mpls. Auditorium
TONIGHT—8:30 P.M.

Pat O'Connor

vs.

Kinji Shibuya

and 3 other Star Bouts

No Advance in Prices
Prices \$2.40 — \$1.50 — \$1.20
TICKETS: Downtown Ticket Office
Also 605 Hotel Drckman
Auditorium Box Office All Day Tuesday

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 22, 1953

MINNEAPOLIS MORNING TRIBUNE
Thur., Sept. 24, 1953 S3

LATE TUESDAY

O'Connor Wins After 'Losing'

Pat O'Connor was first a loser and finally a winner over Kinji Shibuya before 3,549 wrestling fans Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

The end came after 29 minutes and 59 seconds of brawling which saw O'Connor beat Shibuya's face into a pulp. When O'Connor missed a drop kick

which he hoped would wind it up, Shibuya pinned him.

Referee Bob Foster, who had ruled the pin, reversed his decision when announcer Mike Karbo pointed out that O'Connor's feet were in the ropes at the time. Another O'Connor dropkick landed and the New Zealander was declared the victor after which Kinji conked him on the head with a wooden clog. Police and ringside attendants intervened at that stage.

About between Vic Holbrook and Art Nelson ended in no contest, while Bob (Mr. America) McCune pinned Juan Hernandez in 17:09. In the other bout, Dick Holbrook threw Mike Clancy in 19:12 . . .

Two Decisions Gives Pat Pin Over Shibuya

Pat O'Connor won a gory wrestling brawl from Kinji Shibuya at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night in 29 minutes, 59 seconds before a yowling crowd of 3,549.

It took two decisions by referee Bob Foster to decide the winner and the intervention of neutral wrestlers and policemen to quiet the proceedings.

O'Connor beat Shibuya's face into a bloody pulp with his right fist, then moved in for the kill with a dropkick. He missed. Shibuya pinned him and was declared the winner by Foster, but the referee reversed his decision when announcer Mike Karbo, one of three judges at the ringside, ruled that Pat's feet were outside the ropes.

O'Connor promptly caught Shibuya in another dropkick and was declared the winner. The Jap wrestler then conked O'Connor on the head with one of his wooden clogs.

The dazed New Zealander got up, grabbed the clog and hammered Shibuya on the head four times.

The semiwindup ended in a strange no-contest ruling. Vic Holbrook, kicked out of the ring by Art Nelson, was helped to his feet by Lu Kim, a wrestler who was sitting at ringside. When Nelson kicked Kim, Lu climbed into the ring and knocked Nelson senseless with judo chops. Referee Foster called the bout to a halt.

Pat O'Connor, 236, New Zealand, pinned Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, 29:59.
Vic Holbrook, 260, Long Beach, Calif., and Art Nelson, 238, Atlanta, Ga., no contest, 22:10.
Bob McCune, 238, Des Moines, Iowa, pinned Juan Hernandez, 223, Mexico City, 17:09.
Dick Holbrook, 245, Long Beach, pinned Mike Clancy, 220, Boston, 19:12.

54 XXXX THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR — Wed., Sept. 23, 1953



BEFORE his face got in the way of some Pat O'Connor blows, Kinji Shibuya (right) threw Pat over his shoulder with this arm lock in the headliner of the wrestling card at the Auditorium Tuesday night. O'Connor later won on a reversed decision from Referee Bob Foster.—Star Sportphoto.

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 22, 1953

FIRST DIDN'T COUNT

O'Connor's Fists, Extra Fall Overcome Shibuya

All they needed to complete the wrestling brawl at the auditorium Tuesday night was to have the roof cave in.

Just about everything else happened as Kinji Shibuya won over Pat O'Connor, then lost as referee Bob Foster reversed himself and both grapplers ended up in a bloody free-for-all.

Shibuya had pinned O'Connor, but Mike Karbo, one of three judges at the ringside, ruled that Pat's feet were outside the ropes so the pin didn't count.

O'Connor then landed a dropkick on Shibuya and pinned him at 29:59 before the howling

crowd of 3,549. Foster declared O'Connor the winner.

Whereupon Shibuya seized one of his wooden clogs and beat Pat over the head. At this point police and other wrestlers intervened.

The semi-windup ended with a no-contest ruling when Lu Kim, a wrestler sitting at ringside, helped Vic Holbrook back through the ropes against Art Nelson and then went in himself and kayoed Nelson.

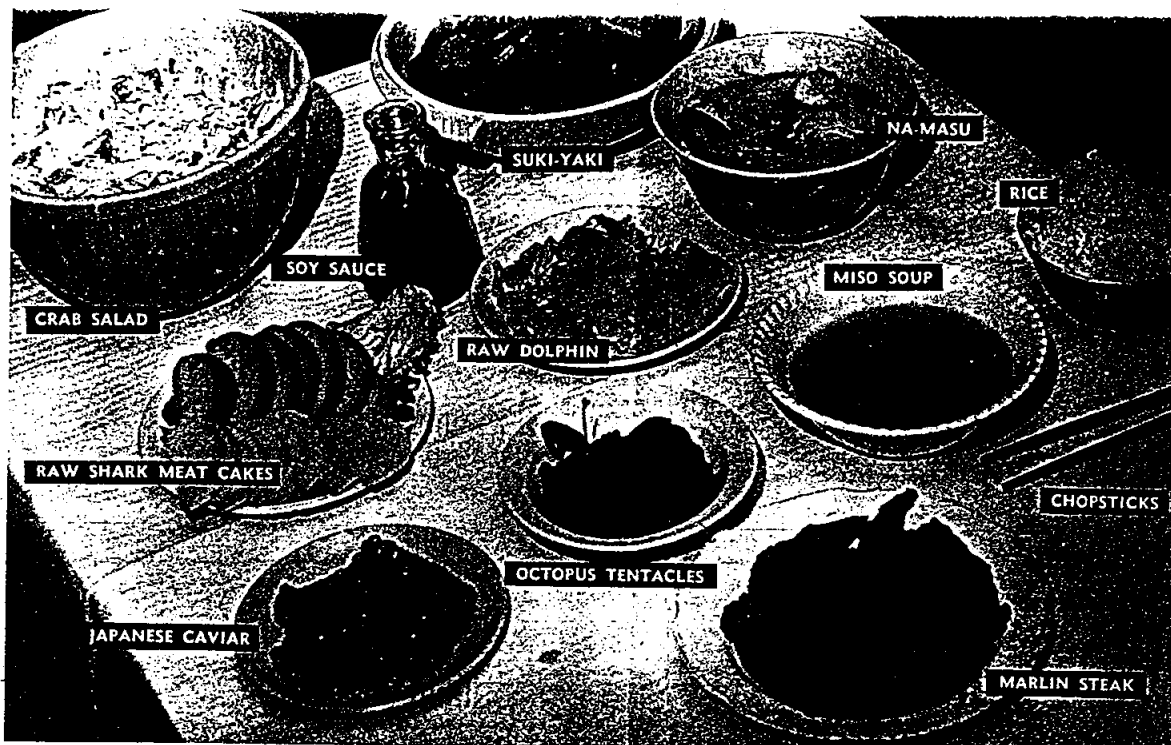
In other matches Bob McCune pinned Juan Hernandez at 17:09 and Dick Holbrook pinned Mike Clancy at 19:12.



Kinji Shibuya enjoys a bite of shark meat fish cake with his bowl of rice. This is only a snack part of his meal.



Chopsticks are tricky. Dennis Stecher finds out as he dines with Mr. and Mrs. Shibuya and samples marlin testicles.



Ten different dishes on the table are not unusual when Kinji sits down to dinner.

Photos by Hi Paul

PORTERHOUSE? NOT FOR THIS WRESTLER

He Builds Brawn With What Is Sometimes Called Brain Food

By ROGER ROSENBLUM, Staff Writer

A JUICY PORTERHOUSE STEAK may be the best friend the average athlete can find, but you'll never convince Japanese wrestler Kinji Shibuya of that. Shibuya, who has been the terror of Northwest rings since he invaded the territory more than a year ago, maintains there's nothing like some nice, healthy shark meat fish cakes, octopus tentacles or raw dolphin dipped in a special sauce to whet the appetite and build muscles.

When Kinji's home from his travels, his pretty wife Janet sees to it that her hubby has a complete native meal of at least six, sometimes eight, main courses that may not sound appealing but actually are a gourmet's delight.

This writer can testify that a native meal served with the proper sauces and seasoning will bring you back for more—IF you can afford importing the delicacies from Japan or Hawaii, as do the Shibuyas.

"It isn't easy to have everything on hand all the time," says Janet, "because some of the foods we eat are not available in the Twin Cities. But I order what we need in large enough quantities to keep us going about a month at a time."

Here's what a typical Shibuya dinner consists of, about in the order of serving:

paste, clams and dried shrimp and mushroom stock.

● **OCTOPUS TENTACLES**—Sliced and soaked in soybean sauce, somewhat resemble smoked oysters.

● **FISH CAKES**—Made of raw shark meat, eggs, sugar and salt.

● **SUKI-YAKI**—The vegetable dish consisting of bamboo shoots, sliced mushrooms, yam noodles, water cress and green onions.

● **NA-MASU**—Sliced abalone (an ocean fish) mixed in with sliced cucumber and seasoned with vinegar, sugar and lemon juice.

● **TERIYAKI MARLIN STEAK**—Marlin, fixed teriyaki style, which means broiled in Japanese fashion, akin to charcoal-broiling.

● **SA SHIMI**—This is raw fish, and can be made from tuna, swordfish, dolphin, sea bass, sea perch or carp. It is sliced and dipped in soy sauce and grated ginger and horseradish.

Top it off with some Japanese caviar and you can begin wondering why in the world you hadn't discovered these dishes before, and when you'd be invited back for another session with the chopsticks. (The Shibuyas supply you with chopsticks, but will relent and let you use

knife and fork if the going gets too tough.)

One look at Kinji and it's apparent the native foods more than supply enough strength for his grueling five-nights-a-week mat matches. Shibuya will wrestle world champion Lou Thesz here May 1.

AN ALL-AROUND ATHLETE in his Honolulu birthplace, Kinji was a star football player, diver, swimmer, spear fisherman and judo and sumo wrestler before he came to the United States to try his hand at the pro grappling sport here. Now 31, Shibuya at one time toured the United States with an all-star Hawaiian football team which played several exhibitions against National Football League clubs.

He swam in Honolulu with fellows like Keo Nakama, Ford Konno, Bill Smith and Halo Hirose, who later became champions at universities in this country. Kinji has a complete set of bar bells in his apartment, and works out at the YMCA three to five days a week, depending upon schedules.

Kinji and Janet were married three years ago. And Kinji says she's "the best cook in the world." A sample of the food would convince you, too.

WINNIPEG SEPT. 25, 1953

Police Protect Shibuya

Mat Show Ends In Near Riot

BY TED BOWLES

There will no doubt be renewed activity at the police department's gym as the gendarmes practice various twists in preparation for the next meeting of Kinji Shibuya and Bob McCune. After all, a cop has to know how to look after himself in the midst of a riot, and if the next match between this pair goes anything like last night's scrap, then there will in all probability be a full-blown riot.

Shibuya and McCune staged quite a fierce struggle in their initial meeting a couple of weeks ago, and they were therefore re-matched in last night's main event, as both felt there were a number of scores to settle.

"Mr. Japan" was disqualified in the first one, and felt he had been robbed. He suffered the same fate last night, and ended up with a suspension to boot. Heaped on top of everything else was a \$100 fine levied by promoter Alex Turk.

Never having lived in Cuba or East Germany, it is hard to imagine what a real riot is like, but it almost came to pass at the Auditorium after the conclusion of this battle last night.

The crowd of approximately 2,500 was comparatively placid through most of the match, practically all holding their seats. But when Shibuya took it upon himself to render McCune hors de combat via nefarious means, the crowd swarmed the ring, and the police were taxed to the limit to get

Shibuya to safety in one place.

And in the middle of the confusion was referee Bill Kuusisto, who probably still isn't quite clear as to just what happened. After both wrestlers had dumped one another from the ring, Shibuya came up with what looked like the coup-de-grace, and Kuusisto counted the shoulders three times. The crowd screamed in rage. One of McCune's feet was beyond the confines of the ropes. Kuusisto waved off his previous verdict in Shibuya's favor, and the boys continued to grapple.

Then McCune caught Shibuya in a full-nelson, and began to give him an aeroplane spin. Kuusisto suddenly broke up the hold and declared McCune the winner, figuring that Shibuya had given up. Shibuya claimed he hadn't quit, and the pair went back to their task once more. That's when the roof caved in on McCune.

Shibuya sent the former "Mr. America" winner into the steel ring post, and McCune rebounded with blood oozing from a wound on the forehead. Kuusisto tried to stop proceedings, but Shibuya pushed him off and judo-chopped McCune in the wound. Then he proceeded to once more hurl him into the post, and the crowd charged the ring.

It was almost 10 minutes later before Shibuya was able to make his way to his dressing room, as the crowd howled threats and tossed debris in a wild scene. Shibuya received the aid of Winnipeg's finest and other wrestlers in reaching safety. Even Mr. Turk had to enter the ring to help bring peace out of the chaos.

That was one of the greatest finishes we've ever seen.

Compared to the main event, the other matches appeared tame, although there was some good wrestling in the three preceding bouts. Vic Holbrook took 12 minutes to get rid of Barney Barnard, while Joe Pazandak made Dick Holbrook yell "uncle" after 18 minutes. Mike Clancy stopped Lou Dickey in 17 minutes.

STEVE TROJACK, a comparative newcomer to the ranks of the referees, got his first real night's work, and did a fine job. He handled the first three matches to the crowd's complete satisfaction.

WINNIPEG SEPT, 25, 1953

Wrestling

Anybody Seen Kinji Shibuya?

By DALLIS BECK

The fans who jammed the Auditorium for Friday night's weekly wrestling card courtesy of Alex Turk will be disappointed to learn that one Kinji Shibuya has been suspended indefinitely from the local ring and fined 100 good old Canadian dollars.

Not that Kinji is a popular gent with the paying customers . . . heaven forbid, after what he did to Mr. America Bob McCune last night. The fans' only regrets will be that Shibuya the ungentlemanly Japanese gentleman, will not be around next week so they can tear him limb from limb.

On the subject of limbs, Kinji was lucky to escape with all his last evening through a near-rioting ringside mob that blew its collective cork when it smelled blood . . . McCune's blood.

Oh Kinji was just in no frame of mind for ethical grapples and after all other dastardly tricks had failed to cool the muscled McCune, he tossed him head first and bodily into two ring posts. McCune survived the first assault into the steel stanchions but the second one cleaved his head half open.

There was enough blood spilled about the ring to make the Red

Cross turn green (with envy) and the heat was on Shibuya, but good.

A handful of lawmen, ring officials — headed by referee Bill Kuusisto — and finally promoter Turk himself, strived to keep Shibuya from the clutches of the crowd and the raging, bleeding McCune. Somehow, everybody got home safely and maybe Kinji hasn't left the Aud yet.

P.S.—The report after the fight was that McCune was not seriously hurt.

More sociable doings earlier in the evening saw newcomers Joe and Vic Holbrook gain a split for their family name in two so-so bouts. Young Joe lost in 18 minutes to inimitable veteran Joe Pazandak, but big brother Vic nailed Barnard in 12 minutes of the semi-wind-up to make up for it. Mike Clancey stopped youthful Lew Dickie in 17 minutes of curtain-raiser activity.

As for who won the headliner, it really didn't matter, considering the ending. Shibuya thought he did but it should have gone to McCune on a disqualification. Shibuya had pinned his rival a minute before, but illegally outside the ropes. The call got Kinji mad and from there the pace was too hectic to keep count.

One thing for sure. What a natural for a rematch, eh Alex!

ST. PAUL SEPT. 26, 1953

Yukon Defeats Atlas In 11:23

The Mighty Atlas claimed it was all a mistake, but the Hollywood strong man nevertheless fell victim to barrel-chested Yukon Eric in the main event wrestling match Saturday night at the St. Paul Auditorium.

Promoter Eddie Williams' opening card attracted 2,456 customers.

Eric, tiring of Atlas' punishing illegal maneuvers, picked up his foe and slung him, flour sack style, over his shoulder, upside down.

Midgets In Tag Match

The popular midgets will return to the St. Paul wrestling scene in one half of a double main event scheduled next Saturday night at the main arena of the Auditorium.

It will be a tag team match. Little Beaver will team with Tuffy McCrea against Carl Krueger and Fuzzy Cupid.

Promoter Eddie Williams will add a co-feature within the next two days.

While Atlas' spine took a beating as Yukon joggled him about, Referee Bill Kuusisto sportingly inquired if the Mighty One would like to call it quits. Kuusisto apparently thought Atlas said yes, and the ref raised Yukon's hand in victory at 11:23. But Atlas said it was just the up-and-down motion caused by Eric's bulldozing, and not a sign he had conceded. The decision stood, however.

Japanese badman Kinji Shibuya became too ambitious in battering Bob (Mr. America) McCune's head into a ring post, and was disqualified at 22:26 of the semi-windup.

Joe (Champ) Pazandak and Vic Holbrook, the California newcomer, went to a 30-minute draw in the special event, while Irish Mike Clancy pinned Rudy Kay in 21:01 of the opener.

Shibuya Asks Only One Ref for O'Connor Return Duel

Wrestler Kinji Shibuya Saturday demanded a return to "rule by referee" for his main event battle with Pat O'Connor at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

The Hawaiian Japanese said the experiment of having three judges at ringside to assist the referee in making rulings here last week was "flop of the year."

Both boxing and wrestling have flourished, Shibuya noted, with the referee the sole boss except for doctors' decisions on cuts.

"The error of one judge," Kinji moaned, "cost me the decision over O'Connor last week. Let's be sensible and get back to fundamentals."

The 231-pounder insisted he

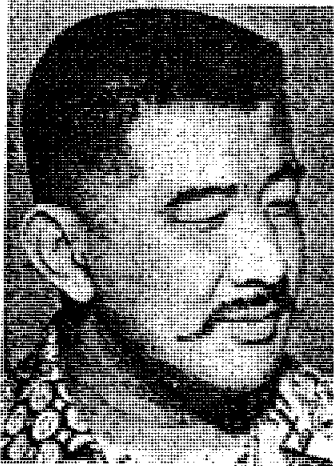
chopped O'Connor down fairly with judo cuts and would have been the final winner except for the "stupidity of an upstart judge."

There was no immediate decision at the wrestling office whether three judges again would be named to assist the referee in ruling on borderline holds.

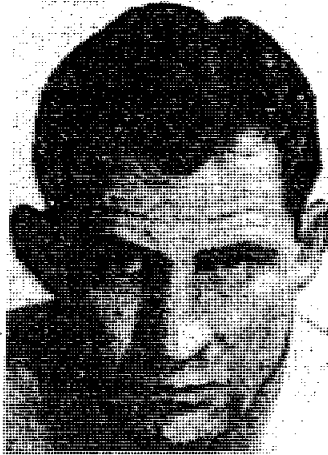
A fifth bout was added to the card yesterday, with Mike Clancy to face Bob (Mr. America) McCune.

Weatherbeaten Lu Kim the Sailor debuts in a special 45-minute semiwindup against Bobb Nelson of Chicago. The 265-pound Kim has been seeking a spot on a Minneapolis card for three weeks.

Other bouts have the California giant, Vic Holbrook, against Jolting Joe Dusek, and Joe Pazandak against Farmer Jones, the original hillbilly matman.



KINJI SHIBUYA



PAT O'CONNOR

Clean Wrestling, Eh?

★ FOR SEVERAL DAYS before Tuesday night's wrestling show at the Auditorium this department was bombarded with stories about the new deal for this sport in Minneapolis.

The promoters announced they were going to get tough. They would disqualify grapplers who violated any rules they set down. They would refuse to pay the culprits. They would even suspend them. In other words, the fans were to be treated to clean wrestling, all within the rules.

So what happened Tuesday night?

A wrestler in civvies at the ringside moved into one match to become a participant. Police action was required.

In the main event the boys not only did their usual slugging but one used his wooden shoes on an opponent. The other retaliated with a chair on his rival's skull.

All in all it was quite a brawl and the promoters were lucky that more damage wasn't done.

If that's the new era of "clean wrestling within the rules," maybe they had better return to the old way of doing business.

Kim-Nelson Get 45-Minute Limit

The Minneapolis wrestling debut of Lu Kim the Sailor was elevated to near-main event status Friday. Acting Promoter Dennis Stecher said Kim and Bobby Nelson will be given 45 minutes to reach a decision.

Signed for a fourth bout were Farmer Jones, the "original" hillbilly style grappler from Mt. Ida, Ark., and Joe (The Champ) Pazandak.

Kinji Shibuya and Pat O'Connor are booked for a main event rematch, with big Vic Holbrook and Joe Dusek in a special event.

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 29, 1953

NEW POLICY IN

Mat Crackdown Is Ordered

Quick disqualifications and big fines for wrestling rules-breakers were ordered Saturday by the Minneapolis wrestling office.

The new "get-tough" policy will be in effect when Kinji Shibuya and Pat O'Connor battle in the main event of the mat card at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Saturday's crackdown came from Dennis Stecher, acting as Minneapolis promoter in the absence of his father, Tony. Tony is in California.

The new "behave" regula-

tions are these:

Use of an illegal throat stomp will be punished by immediate disqualification. There will be no warning by the referee. The offender will forfeit his entire purse.

Use of the ropes in applying a leg stomp, a la Hard Boiled Haggerty, will result in one warning by the referee. A second offense will bring disqualification.

Any wrestler disqualified will be fined his whole purse.

"Wrestle within the rules or get out of town," was Dennis' ultimatum.

While the new edicts were

not directed entirely at Shibuya, Dennis said that Kinji's salt-tossing of last week was the "final straw."

Tuesday's main go finds New Zealand's O'Connor seeking revenge for a post-bout belting he took from Shibuya here recently.

The Holbrook giants, Vic and Dick, feature the rest of the card. Vic, a 260-pounder, meets southerner Art Nelson in the semi. Dick, 245, faces Mike Clancy. Fourth bout sends Juan Hernandez against Bob (Mr. America) McCune.

Shibuya to Face O'Connor Wrath

Kinji Shibuya will headline the wrestling card at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night despite the fact, match-maker Wally Karbo announced, that he merits a suspension.

The reason, Karbo said, is that New Zealand's Pat O'Connor asked for a "revenge" shot at the stocky Japanese grappler.

In the absence on the West coast of Promoter Tony Stecher, Karbo signed Shibuya and O'Connor for Tuesday's one-hour main event.

Shibuya Wants Revenge Himself

Pat O'Connor won't be the only main eventer with "revenge" ideas at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night, wrestler Kinji Shibuya indicated today.

O'Connor asked for and got the headline shot at Shibuya to get even for a post-battle belting here a few weeks ago.

But Kinji charged today that Pat and Vern Gagne "double-teamed" him here in a recent tag match and as a result he has his own "get-even" ideas.

'Illegal' Chop Will Cost Money

Kinji Shibuya's throat chop—when used illegally—was added Sunday to the list of wrestling rules infractions that will bring immediate disqualification plus a fine equal to the amount of the offender's purse.

Acting Promoter Dennis Stecher, who ordered the rules crackdown, said Shibuya's chop would be considered illegal when directed at the front of the opponent's throat.

The 231-pound Japanese from Honolulu is scheduled to tangle with Pat O'Connor in a grudge headliner Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Kinji Wants New Referee

Wrestler Kinji Shibuya demanded that a new referee be assigned to his rematch with Pat O'Connor at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Acting Promoter Dennis Stecher said he would have no objection.

The Japanese grappler from Hawaii charged that Referee Bob Foster made serious errors during last Tuesday's main go.

MINNEAPOLIS SEPT. 29, 1953

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
PINS DOWN SHIBUYA

O'Connor Needs No Help From Referee

Pat O'Connor should be satisfied today. He scored his second victory over Kinji Shibuya Tuesday night, this time without the aid of a reversed referee's decision, and 4,819 wrestling fans at the Minneapolis auditorium concurred.

The pair, principals in a recent brawl in the wrestling ring, went after each other hammer-and-tong style from the start last night. But they stayed reasonably well within the bounds of mat propriety, having been warned against illegal roughhouse tactics.

During one mixup both Shibuya and O'Connor found themselves battling it out outside the ring among the spectators. Shibuya was first to re-enter the squared circle and, as O'Connor tried to get back in, he knocked Pat out among the fans again with a judo chop.

Referee Bronko Nagurski warned Kinji to let his adversary back in and as Shibuya stood arguing with him Pat re-entered and floored both with a battering ram rush. Nagurski and Shibuya hit the canvas with the referee on top.

Then, as the Bronk rolled away from Kinji, O'Connor pounced on the mustached Hawaiian-Japanese for the pin. It came at 19:09.

In other matches Lu Kim pinned Bill McDaniels of St.

Louis at 2:26; Vic Holbrook of Long Beach, Calif., downed Emil Dusek of Omaha, Neb., at 20:45; Joe Pazandak of Minneapolis drew in 30 minutes with Farmer Jones of Mt. Ida, Ark., and Bob (Mr. America) McCune of Des Moines, Iowa, pinned Mike Clancy of Boston, Mass., at 21:46.

50 ★★ THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR Wed., Sept. 30, 1953



THAT FOOT on the neck of Kinji Shibuya belongs to Pat O'Connor, who finished off the Hawaiian-Japanese at 19:09 of the wrestling headliner at the Auditorium Tuesday night. Kinji shows here he did not relish the kind of treatment he has been used to administering on the mat himself.—Star Sportsphoto.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

O'Connor Wins Over Shibuya

Pat O'Connor teamed up with Referee Bronko Nagurski to crush Kinji Shibuya in 19 minutes, nine seconds, before a crowd of 4,819 Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Shibuya, after he and O'Connor went out of the ring together during a mixup on the ropes, engaged in a rough and tumble battle with the New Zealand Irishman among the ringside spectators.

Shibuya, after knocking O'Connor down with a judo chop, leaping back into the ring. Then, as O'Connor tried to re-enter, Shibuya knocked him out among the spectators with another chop.

Despite warnings from Referee Nagurski, Shibuya kicked Pat off the apron of the ring. Nagurski threatened to disqualify him if he did not permit O'Connor to return.

As Nagurski argued with Kinji, Pat leaped over the top rope, took a running start and rammed Nagurski into Shibuya. Down went both with the Nag on top. As Nagurski rolled over and away from Shibuya, O'Connor pounced on Kinji for the fall.

Pat O'Connor, 236, New Zealand, pinned Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, 19:09.

Lu Kim, 265, pinned Bill McDaniels, 250, St. Louis, 2:26.

Vic Holbrook, 260, Long Beach, Calif., pinned Emil Dusek, 236, Omaha, 20:45.

Joe Pazandak, 228, Minneapolis, and Farmer Jones, 220, Mt. Ida, Ark., drew, 30 minutes.

Bob (Mr. America) McCune, 238, Des Moines, Iowa, pinned Mike Clancy, 220, Boston, 21:46.

ST. PAUL OCT. 3, 1953

Haggerty Disqualified

Paul Baillargeon got his revenge with Hard Boiled Haggerty Saturday night at the St. Paul Auditorium, but had to take a disqualification for the triumph.

Referee Bill Kuusisto decided consistent eye gonging and a choke hold, which Haggerty refused to break, was reason enough to call a halt. The bout ended at 22:34 before 2,957 fans.

Kinji Shibuya, up to his usual illegal tactics, used the sumo chop to defeat Vic Holbrook at 23:24 of the semi-windup. In-

censed at seeing his brother's eye cue, Dick Holbrook jumped into the ring to attack Shibuya, who promptly ripped Dick's suit. The Holbrook brothers both challenged Shibuya to a match.

Little Beaver and Tuffy McCrea, a pair of fast-moving mid-gets, won two of three falls from Karl Krueger and Fuzzy Cupid in a total elapsed time of 30:06, in a special added attraction.

Farmer Jones, the original grappling farmer, pinned Irish Mike Clancy at 12:29 of the opener.

Shibuya-Haggerty Face Holbrooks

Having accepted the challenge of brothers Dick and Vic Holbrook, Kinji Shibuya Saturday night was signed to team with his regular partner, Hard Boiled Haggerty, for the main event clash next Saturday night at the Auditorium, Promoter Eddie Williams announced. Shibuya Saturday got into an extra-curricular scrape with the Holbrooks, out of which the challenge grew.

ST. PAUL OCT. 10, 1953

Haggerty, Shibuya Defeat Holbrooks

Kinji Shibuya's salt-throwing backfired at the St. Paul Auditorium Saturday night, but his sumo and judo chops paid off to give the Japanese matman and partner Hard Boiled Haggerty a two-out-of-three falls victory over Dick and Vic Holbrook in the main event of Promoter Eddie Williams wrestling card.

A crowd of 2,891 fans looked on.

After the victors took the opening fall at 19:29, Shibuya attempted to throw ceremonial salt in Dick Holbrook's eyes. Brother Vic, however, grabbed it first and heaved it in Kinji's optics. Temporarily rendered hors d'combat, he was easy victim of the pin.

A combination of sumo chops and the sleeper hold enabled

Shibuya to score the third fall over Dick Holbrook at 50:55.

Lu Kim, the Manchurian sailor, needed only 4:39 to pin Lou Pitoscia in the semi-windup. Kim made use of his "Manchurian Crucifix" hold to score the victory, after a series of chops had weakened Pitoscia.

Farmer Jones, the Mt. Ida, Ark., hillbilly, pinned Frank Marconi at 19:37 of the special event, and Joe Pazandak whipped Mike Clancy at 16:35 of the opener.

MINNEAPOLIS OCT. 13, 1953

Ike Promises Kim Longer Voyage

Lu Kim the Sailor, something of a mystery matman, will go into his third match and seventh minute of wrestling action at the Minneapolis auditorium tonight against Big Ike Eakins.

A two-time winner here, Kim has flattened Bill McDaniels and Chest Bernard in 2:26 and 4:16, respectively. Against both he used judo chops and his "sailor clutch," a modified full Nelson.

But Eakins, 270-pound Kentucky rough-house artist, promised Monday he'll force Kim to show his full hand in tonight's

main event. Promoter Tony Stecher said he will not announce the referee until bout time.

Kinji Shibuya, the Japanese Hawaiian, will try his own judo techniques on Dick Holbrook in the semiwindup.

Other bouts send Vic Holbrook, blond California giant, against Frank Marconi and Farmer Jones against newcomer Lou Pitascio, a 260-pound Italian from Toronto, Canada. A fifth bout also is scheduled.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1953 *** S 1

Shibuya Added to Mat Card

Kinji Shibuya, the Japanese Hawaiian chopper, was added Friday to the wrestling program billed for the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night. Shibuya will battle Chest Bernard, the massive Kansas Citian.

Another bout signed yesterday will send Joe Pazandak against George Scott, a 225-pound newcomer from Hamilton, Canada.

Hard Boiled Haggerty and tall Vic Holbrook are the main event. Lu Kim and Art Nelson are slated for the semiwindup.

Shibuya, Jones on Mat Card

Bouts involving Kinji Shibuya and Farmer Jones were added Friday to the wrestling program at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Lu Kim the Sailor seeks his third straight local win against Big Ike Eakins in the main event.

Shibuya, in the semiwindup, will tackle Dick Holbrook of Long Beach, Calif. Jones, hill-billy-style grappler, will face Lou Pitascio, a 260-pound Italian from Toronto, Canada, making his Minneapolis debut.

Stecher Denies 'Sinister Move'

Promoter Tony Stecher denied Sunday that there's anything sinister about the fact that Big Ike Eakins will fly from San Francisco to meet Lu Kim the Sailor on the Minneapolis auditorium wrestling mat Tuesday night.

Kim had charged that Eakins is being imported as a "hatchet man."

"Kim claims topflight rating," Stecher said, "and should expect to meet topflight opposition."

Other Tuesday bouts include Dick Holbrooks vs. Kinji Shibuya, Frank Marconi vs. Vic Holbrook, and Farmer Jones vs. Lou Pitascio.

Kim Pins Eakins; Not Once But Three Times

Sailor Lu Kim defeated Big Ike Eakins three times in 10 minutes and 50 seconds in a battle of behemoths Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

After Kim rendered the hill-billy grappler from Kentucky senseless with his dangerous full Nelson hold, Eakins regained consciousness and slugged Kim as he was leaving the ring. Kim retaliated by knocking Eakins down.

Again Eakins got up and, as Kim turned his back to leave the ring, he belted the Manchurian sailor in the back of the neck with a rabbit punch. This time Kim pulled a haymaker from outside the ring and knocked Ike flat on his

back and out for keeps.

Kim then bowed out to the cheers of 3,867 fans, shortly followed by Eakins after he regained consciousness.

The two giants staged a thrilling match in which everything went. Eakins, after hitting Kim with haymakers galore during the first five minutes, became quite discouraged when he was unable to keep Kim from tearing into him.

Kim, after tiring of Eakins' punches on the chin, went to work on Ike with his chops on the side of the neck and soon had Eakins begging for mercy.

The Holbrook brothers, Vic and Dick from Long Beach, Calif., broke even in their matches. Vic pinned Frank Marconi of Salem, Ohio, in 15 minutes, 13 seconds, while Dick succumbed to Kinji Shibuya after a rousing setto lasting 19 minutes, 16 seconds.

(Picture on next page.)

Lu Kim, 265, Manchuria, pinned Big Ike Eakins, 270, Harlan county, Ky., 10:50.
Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, pinned Dick Holbrook, 245, Long Beach, Calif., 19:16.
Vic Holbrook, 260, Long Beach, pinned Frank Marconi, 240, Salem, Ohio, 15:13.
Farmer Jones, 230, Mt. Ida, Ark., pinned Lou Pitascio, 260, Toronto, 15:30.
Mike Clancy, 220, Boston, pinned Stan Mayslack, 238, Minneapolis, 20:18.

MINNEAPOLIS OCT. 20, 1953

Hard Boiled Returns for 'New Mat Era'

Wrestler Hard Boiled Haggerty will get a chance to pick on somebody his own size at the Minneapolis auditorium tonight.

The 253-pound rough-houser faces 260-pound Vic Holbrook in the main event of tonight's grappling festivities.

The bout marks the first stand of the so-called "king of the wrestlers" in Minneapolis since early September. His return, Haggerty noted, will mean "a new and wonderful era" in Mill City wrestling.

The blond California giant who will try to spoil Haggerty's "new era" is an all-time West Coast athletic great. Holbrook played on two USC Rose Bowl teams and was an Olympic swimmer.

Lu Kim, newest star on the local horizon, faces Art Nelson, the mayhem-minded gent from Atlanta, Ga., in the semiwindup.

Among other tiffs, big Chest Bernard challenges Kinji Shibuya, and Joe Pazandak welcomes the debuting George Scott, starting at 8:30 p.m. The "ladies free" policy again will be in effect, Promoter Tony Stecher announced.

Haggerty Seeks Higher Rating

Hard Boiled Haggerty predicted Sunday he'll rank above both Vern Gagne and Pat O'Connor in national wrestling rating "after beating Vic Holbrook" in Tuesday night's main event at the Minneapolis auditorium.

His boost in the rankings, already likely, would be certain after a win over the big California expert, Haggerty declared.

Other bouts on the card include Lu Kim against Art Nelson, Kinji Shibuya against Chest Bernard, and Joe Pazandak against Canada's George Scott.

Haggerty Defeats Holbrook on Foul

The "Vic Holbrook Fan Club" gave Hard-Boiled Haggerty a dozen roses before the wrestling headliner at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night and then Vic Holbrook "gave" Haggerty the victory.

It happened this way when Referee Bill Kuusisto disqualified the 260-pound Holbrook at 13 minutes and 42 seconds to the howling displeasure of 4,138 fans.

Haggerty, the 253-pound New Yorker who promised a return of high-class wrestling, started by opening a gash on the Californian's forehead by ramming his head on the ropes.

Then Holbrook retaliated and finally flipped Haggerty out of the ring. When Holbrook persisted in knocking Hard Boiled out over the ring apron without allowing him to return to the ring, Kuusisto told Holbrook to desist.

Instead, Holbrook flattened Kuusisto and continued to punish Haggerty with forearm belts to the face in the corner of the ring. After Kuusisto regained his equilibrium, he raised Haggerty's arm and declared him the winner while disqualifying Holbrook for an

attack on the Kuusisto person.

Before the match, Haggerty was presented roses by a messenger and accepted with pleasure until he read the message on the enclosed card from the "Holbrook Fan club."

Mighty Ursus, 298, Mexico City, pinned Dick Holbrook, 245, Long Beach, Calif., 8:35.
Joe Pazandak, 228, Minneapolis, pinned George Scott, 225, Hamilton, Canada, 19:12.
Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, pinned Chest Bernard, 275, Kansas City, Mo., 11:11.
Lu Kim, 265, the Orient, pinned Bobby Nelson, 231, Kenosha, Wis., 5:32.
Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, won by disqualification over Vic Holbrook, 260, Long Beach, Calif., 13:42.

ST. PAUL OCT. 24, 1953

Williams Warns Fans To Stay Out Of Ring

Promoter Eddie Williams warned wrestling fans to stay out of the ring and away from Kinji Shibuya Saturday night when Shibuya meets Pat O'Connor at the St. Paul Armory.

Williams says the fans have been irked by Shibuya's mat tactics.

"It's for the fans' protection I am giving this warning," Williams said. "I don't want any fan to get hurt."

Has New Hold For Shibuya— O'Connor Risks Rep

Pat O'Connor's rise to wealth and glory reads like fiction.

Three years ago he was accepting \$25 a match before promoter Eddie Williams gave him his chance.

O'Connor became a sensation over night. It took him three months in St. Paul and a victory in Chicago which found his match televised him among the nationally to put elite of the wrestling world. Now he earns upward of \$75,000 a year.

Saturday night O'Connor stakes his St. Paul main event status against Kinji Shibuya in

the headline bout at the St. Paul Armory.

O'Connor risks his reputation. Shibuya has jumped into wrestling's first ten and a victory could push him into the No. 2 spot behind Vern Gagne.

O'Connor has been promised a shot at Lou Thesz, the champion, if he beats Shibuya and his famed judo chop. Shibuya, in St. Paul, has won himself the title of the "most hated matman" since Abe Kashey.

O'Connor says he has a new hold to use on the strong Japanese judo expert.



O'Connor

O'Connor, Shibuya Both Disqualified

Neither Pat O'Connor nor Kinji Shibuya could control their tempers at the St. Paul Armory Saturday night, and as a result both were disqualified in their main event wrestling match at 28:53 before 2,707 fans.

O'Connor hurled Shibuya into the corner with such force one of the ropes became dislodged, and the Japanese hurtled onto the floor. He pulled Pat after him, and both began slugging outside the ring.

Both disregarded Referee Bill Kuusisto's warning count, and when he reached 20 he told them that was enough for the evening.

Previous to the ending, Shibuya gave O'Connor a lesson in sumo chopping, and O'Connor demonstrated his airplane spin and dropkick to the delight of the fans.

Mighty Ursus, 300-pound Mexi-

can champion, battled Ray Gunkel, former Purdue University athlete, to a 30-minute draw in the semi-windup. Ursus displayed a punishing choke hold which Gunkel managed to fight off.

Sonny Myers, former junior heavyweight king, pinned Joe Dusek at 23:47 of the special event, and Mike Clancy won when Rocky Galup, former Winnipeg policeman, was disqualified.

Pat, Kinji In Rematch

Kinji Shibuya, the Japanese sumo chop expert who claims Pat O'Connor should have been disqualified in their main event, will get another chance to prove his point next Saturday in the St. Paul Armory.

Promoter Eddie Williams announced he had immediate consent from both parties to try again, next week. Said Shibuya: "He won't last long enough next time to give me any trouble. I'll get rid of him early with my chop."

MINNEAPOLIS OCT. 27, 1953

Tues., Oct. 27, 1953 ** S 1

Haggerty Wants Referee's Name

Hard Boiled Haggerty Sunday demanded that he be told who will referee his main event wrestling battle at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Haggerty is scheduled to meet big Vic Holbrook of Long Beach, Calif.

The 253-pound rough-houser said he was aware that Promoter Tony Stecher promised a neutral arbiter, but wanted to know what shade of "neutral" the new referee would turn out to be.

Other Tuesday matches include Lu Kim against Lenny Montana and Kinji Shibuya against George Scott.

Ton of Mat Aces Strain Local Ring

More than a ton of wrestlers, enough to strain the ring and even the imagination, are set for the weekly mat show at the Minneapolis auditorium tonight.

Topping a scheduled six-bout program in a rematch are Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, and Vic Holbrook, about 260.

They aren't little fellows, except compared to the 278-pound Lenny Montana, new New Yorker, who meets 265-pound Lu Kim in the semiwindup. Except, also for 300-pound Mighty Ursus, Mexico City behemoth, who faces Mike Clancy.

Otherwise the card includes a batch of "mere" 220 and 230-pounders. For instance, Joe Pazandak against Farmer Jones, and Kinji Shibuya against George Scott.

Holbrook is after revenge in the main go. It's ladies free again, according to Promoter Tony Stecher. Starting time is 8:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL OCT. 31, 1953

Is Shibuya Hold Legal—

Ruling Requested

Promoter Eddie Williams has asked the National Wrestling Alliance to rule on Kinji Shibuya's neck hop, a rabbit punch across the back of the neck.



The blow, outlawed in boxing, should be banned for Shibuya's match with Pat O'Connor in the main event of Saturday's wrestling card at the St. Paul Armory, Williams says.

Williams also said that Bill Kuusisto, referee of last Saturday's double disqualification match between O'Connor and Shibuya, will not be used.

Shibuya insists that O'Connor alone should have been disqualified because he continued tossing punches outside the ring despite Kuusisto's warnings to re-

turn.

For Shibuya, seeking to be the first Japanese to hold the world mat title, the rematch is all important. The strong man feels he can earn \$50,000 in the next six months if he beats O'Connor.

Shibuya Disqualified For Using Turnbuckle

Kinji Shibuya, figuring the ring's turnbuckle a more potent weapon than his sumo chop against Pat O'Connor, found Referee Stan Mayslack taking the opposite view at the St. Paul Armory Saturday night.

As a result, Shibuya was disqualified and O'Connor awarded the match at 19:17 when the Japanese continued to beat the New Zealand Irishman after Mayslack issued his warning. A crowd of 2,535 watched.

An angry crowd surged into the ring and it took police and other grapplers to clear the squared circle.

Lu Kim, who claims he's tamed the port of Bombay, used his famed "Manchurian crucifix" to subdue Rocky Galup, former Winnipeg policeman, at 5:38 of the semi-windup.

Vic Holbrook and Joe Pazandak grappled to a 30-minute draw in the special event, while Mighty Ursus, the Mexican champion, pinned Dick Holbrook at 15:44 of the opener.

The victory for O'Connor leaves him one up against Shibuya. Both were disqualified a week ago for battling outside the ring.

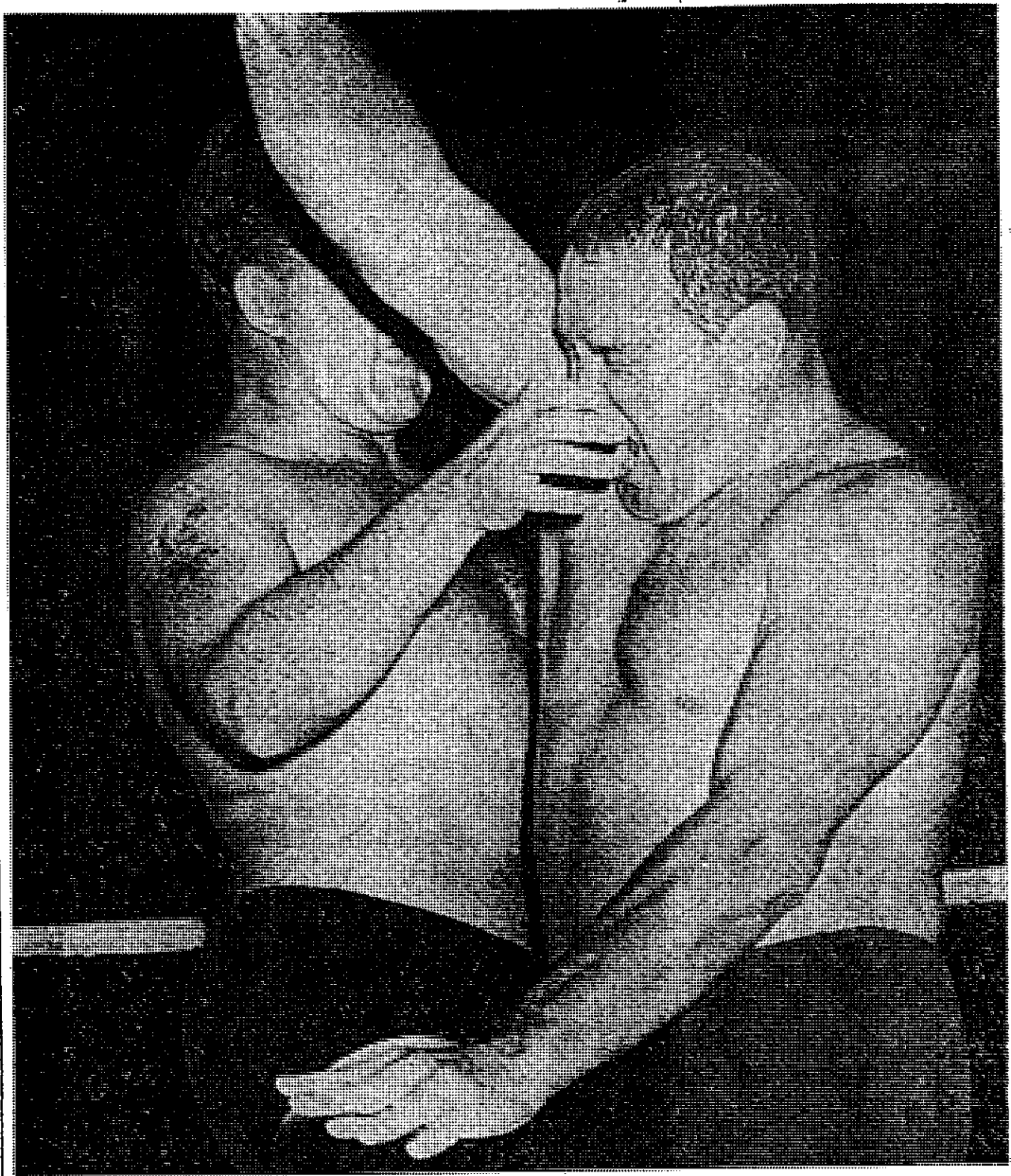
Jr. Heavy Title Match Signed

A match for the world's junior heavyweight wrestling championship will headline Promoter Eddie Williams' mat card Saturday night at the St. Paul Armory.

Baron Michele Leone, the long-haired favorite who drew a \$103,000 gate against Lou Thesz in Los Angeles last year, will defend his crown against Tony Ballargeon.

Baillargeon, one of St. Paul's favorites, is undefeated in this city. It will mark his first appearance here this season.

Leone won the title by pinning Danny McSain. Williams said he would consider the winner in the elimination for a shot at Thesz next spring here.



Hard Boiled by Paul Hagedorn

HARD BOILED HAGGERTY, LEFT, MISTEAKS VIC HOLBROOK

Haggerty's Toehold, Legal One, Disposes of Holbrook in 16:39

Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253-pound New Yorker, must have surprised even himself with the legitimacy of his wrestling victory over Vic Holbrook in the Auditorium main event Tuesday night as 5,416 fans watched.

Haggerty, who is undoubtedly serious about going straight in a bid for a championship match with Lou Thesz, used an inside step-over toehold to gain the fall over the 260-pound Holbrook after 16 minutes and 39 seconds.

Shenanigans were limited last night as Haggerty carried his usual illegal tactics only to the extent of a little eye-gouging and rope-holding while applying legal holds.

After several exchanges of haymakers, Haggerty felled Holbrook with a chop on the choppers and then applied the toehold. Holbrook, who suffered an injured knee, was counted out by Referee Jack League of Joplin, Mo., and Haggerty took his bow to the customary jeering of the customers.

Lu Kim, the 265-pound exponent of the Manchurian crucifix, wrestled a double-header and crucified two opponents, disposing of Toronto's Lou Pito in 4:24 before resting a match and then taking Frank Marconi of Salem, Ohio, at 5:35.

Jack Pazandak, 228, Minneapolis, pinned Farmer Jones, 220, Mt. Ida, Ark., 21:40. Mighty Ursus, 300, Mexico, pinned Mike Clancy, 221, Boston, 18:04. Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, pinned George Scott, 225, Hamilton, Canada, 23:06. Lu Kim, 265, Manchuria, pinned Lu Pito, Toronto, 4:24. Lu Kim pinned Frank Marconi, Salem, Ohio, 5:35. Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, pinned Vic Holbrook, 260, Los Angeles, Calif., 16:39.

MINNEAPOLIS NOV. 3, 1953

Leone Pins Myers in 26:30 to Retain Wrestling Title

Baron Leone of Santa Monica, Calif., retained his world junior heavyweight wrestling championship by pinning Sonny Myers of St. Joseph, Mo., in 26 minutes, 30 seconds before 4,126 fans at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Leone used his punishing neck-breaker hold to turn back the challenge of the former champion, who had considerably the better of the milling until he fell victim to Leone's famous hold.

MYERS twice spun Leone to the mat with a head scissors but, on his third attempt with the same grip, Leone catapulted him over the top rope among the chairs at ringside. Myers barely got back into the ring at the count of 18. Leone immediately went to work on Sonny with two flying headlocks following which he applied his neck-breaker to gain the fall.

Myers, after escaping from a punishing hammerlock at the five minute mark, went to work on Leone with plenty of zest and punished him severely with a series of flying headlocks and body scissors holds.

Ray Gunkel of Chicago was

declared the winner over Kinji Shibuya, the Japanese wrestler from Honolulu on a foul after 23 minutes, 38 seconds. Shibuya, after being warned by referee Bill Kuusisto for his foul tactics, made the mistake of knocking down the former Minnesota football star with a judo chop on the back of the neck. Then, as Shibuya went to

work on Gunkel with his deadly chop, Kuusisto halted the match and disqualified Kinji for striking him.

Baron Leone, 208½, Santa Monica, Calif., pinned Sonny Myers, 209, St. Joseph, Mo., 26.30.

Lu Kim, 265, Manchuria, pinned Art Nelson, 238, Atlanta, Ga., 15.30.

Ray Gunkel, 235, Chicago, won on foul from Kinji Shibuya, 236, Honolulu, 23.38.

The Mighty Ursus, 300, Mexico City, pinned Lou Dickey, 220, Milwaukee, 8.52.

Farmer Jones, 220, Mt. Ida, Ark., pinned Tony Galup, 247, Winnipeg, 23.01.

MINNEAPOLIS NOV. 10, 1953

Kowalski Triumphs on Foul

In a modern version of a battle of cavemen, Wladek Kowalski won on a foul from Yukon Eric after a terrific struggle lasting 12 minutes, 53 seconds before 6,892 wrestling fans Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Referee Tom Novak of Omaha disqualified Eric after the Alaskan lumberjack knocked him down three times after the arbiter had warned Eric against the use of foul tactics on the giant from Hamtramck, Mich.

Eric went berserk after Kowalski made earnest efforts to separate the remainder of his left ear from his head, a job he left unfinished over a year ago. Eric, after wrenching himself loose from Kowalski's grasp, jammed the huge Polish grappler into a corner of the ring and between slugging with his fists, made sincere efforts to jerk Kowalski's left ear off.

Referee Novak, after trying to separate the men, warned Eric if he didn't discontinue such tactics, he'd disqualify him. Eric answered the warning with a blasting right to the chin that knocked Novak flat. Eric then resumed pattering Kowalski with both fists until Wladek sank to his knees.

Meantime, Novak regained his feet and again tried to separate the burly grapplers. Eric knocked him down a second time and repeated a third slug as the referee sought to disqualify him. Novak finally pulled Eric away from Kowalski, but the Yukonite again tried to attack the ref.

Two wrestlers then jumped into the ring to keep Eric off the arbiter and Yukon knocked one of them down. Whereupon, a third grappler jumped into

the ring and the three, with the aid of matchmaker Wally Karbo, finally shoved Eric into a corner where they kept him in restraint while Novak and Kowalski climbed out of the ring.

Eric finally left the ring under the escort of a cordon of police.

Wladek Kowalski, 295, Hamtramck, Mich., won on foul from Yukon Eric, 275, Fairbanks, Ala., 12:53.

Lu Kim, 265, Manchuria, pinned Jan Gotch, 231, Hamilton, Canada, 6:45.
Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu and Vic Holbrook, 260, Long Beach, Calif., drew in 30 minutes.

The Mighty Ursus, 300, Mexico City, pinned George Scott, 225, Hamilton, Canada, 20:44.

Tony Ballargeon, 210, Quebec, pinned Rock Galup, 240, Winnipeg, 20:36.

Flyer Yukon Eric sends Wladek Kowalski flying in this bit of wild action from Tuesday night's wrestling match at the auditorium. Kowalski, however, survived this treatment and was declared the winner on a foul.—(Staff photo by Paul Siegel.)



MINNEAPOLIS NOV. 17, 1953

Turn About—Yukon Eric Defeats Kowalski on Foul

In wrestling, even in the matter of fouls, turn about seems to be fair play as was evident in the return match between Yukon Eric and Wladek Kowalski before an excited crowd of 8,691 at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Eric, who lost on a foul to Kowalski last week, was declared winner on a foul in their second outing.

REFEREE Butch Levy disqualified Kowalski for using his brutal throat stomp against his rival from Fairbanks, Alaska.

The wild brawl lasted 16 minutes, 21 seconds.

The two mat behemoths staged another furious tussle, with each making every apparent effort to render the other limb from limb.

Kowalski resorted to every

foul tactic in his vast repertoire, but the rugged grappler from Alaska absorbed all the punishment dished out and retaliated effectively up to the time the giant from Hamtramck, Mich., hurled him to the mat several times with flying headlocks.

On Eric's last trip to the canvas his left leg was draped over the lower ropes and it was apparent he was badly dazed when his head struck the padded canvas with terrific force. Kowalski immediately applied his throat stomp and persisted in repeating it twice more after Levy had warned him. When Kowalski used his brutal tactics the fourth time, Levy disqualified him.

After he had been declared the loser, Kowalski, shouting his protest against Levy's actions, tried to attack Eric who lay helpless on the floor. Whereupon Levy knocked Kowalski into the ropes with a right haymaker to the chin.

THIS authoritative action by Levy convinced him the former Minnesota gridiron and grappling great meant business, so he left the ring immediately.

Hard Boiled Haggerty, after winning from Dick Holbrook in a furious bout lasting 11 minutes, 49 seconds, became involved in a battle with brother Vic Holbrook. He finished a bad second. After Haggerty had knocked out Dick with a throat stomp, Vic entered the ring to assist his brother.

Haggerty resented Vic's appearance and knocked him down with a wild swing to the jaw, the blow putting Vic out of the ring. Vic picked up a chair, climbed back in the ring and smashed it over the hard boiled one's head, knocking out Haggerty.



WLADEN KOWALSKI USES HIS ILLEGAL THROAT STOMP ON YUKON ERIC

Referee Butch Levy disqualified him for using foul of throat

Staff Photo by Paul Hensch

ST. PAUL NOV. 28, 1953

Shibuya 'Wins,' Then Loses To Baillargeon

Kinji Shibuya won, but then again, he didn't win Saturday night at the St. Paul armory in his main event wrestling match with powerful Jean Baillargeon before 2,591 fans.

The Japanese sumo chop expert scored a pin at 27 minutes, but was not satisfied with the accomplishment and proceeded to heave Baillargeon out of the ring, and also turned on the referee with some chops. That proved his undoing, and Baillargeon was declared victor at 27:21 on a disqualification.

Lu Kim continued on his "beat 'em early" campaign by disposing of Bearcat Wright at 12:31 of the semi-windup. Wright tried a haymaker on Kim's jaw, but that prompted the big sailor to use the Manchurian Crucifix for the pin.

Tony Baillargeon pinned Mike Clancy at 24:42 of the special event, and Red Bastien won over Jan Gotch at 24:35 of the opener.

Atlas Meets Lu Kim

The Mighty Atlas, whose feats of strength have earned him movie and television contracts, was signed Saturday night to face Lu Kim in Promoter Eddie Williams' main event wrestling match next week at the St. Paul Armory.

Atlas, who wants to get into the elimination tournament for the right to meet Lou Thesz next spring, will be shooting to end Kim's unbeaten string in the area.

WINNIPEG DEC. 4, 1953

Wrestling

It Just Wasn't Karbo's Night

By DALLIS BECK

Had it been a square dance, referee Wally Karbo might have done better.

At least the partners don't change as fast as the neatly parcelled sample of mayhem turned loose in Friday night's Auditorium wrestling mainliner — a tag team tea party featuring such notables as Messrs. Shibuya, Pazandak, McCune and Baillargeon.

It was just Karbo's luck to have the blamed mess of muscle thrown into his lap. Result "He stunk up the joint" said the fans, all 3,500 of them.

It was hard to tell who was the worse for wear at the end of it all — the grapplers or Karbo. But the music to promoter Alex Turk's ears was that the customers ate it up, a fitting reward after three preliminary tussles that could have used the odd shot in the arm.

The taggers sent the folks home in the customary hysterics. (And it's doubtful if some of them will cool their blood pressure in time for work Monday).

Ol' Joltin' Joe Pazandak and his dastardly mate, Kinji Shibuya, come out on top, much to the dismay of all concerned but themselves and the fall guy once again was Mr. America Bob McCune.

McCune's partner, Tony Baillargeon, was of course on the losing end too, also badly battered, but McCune listened to the birdies from the same position he did last time he and Shibuya were in the same ring here — flat on his back and lights out.

This, however, would never have happened if Pazandak and Shibuya had read the rule book and referee Karbo had had six sets of eyes fore and aft.

The good guys lost, sad to relate, but one of the winners — Pazandak — had his pride bent as badly as Baillargeon's limbs. It was a hollow victory for nasty but loveable old Joseph.

He was pinned for the first fall of the match just 40 (count 'em Joe) seconds after the opening of hostilities. This should happen to no wrestler, least of all Pazandak and his bag of tricks.

Joe was just an innocent by-

stander when his pal Shibuya started things by massaging Baillargeon with a few judo chops, but Tony soon sent Kinji running for help with a mess of flying feet. Pazandak came dashing nobly to the rescue and was met with more feet and more feet, all and still belonging to Baillargeon. Joe was probably trying to figure who this centipede was when Karbo tolled the count.

It took Joe 24 minutes to live that embarrassing start down, but at 24.30, after working Baillargeon's leg and arm into a pretzel, he and Shibuya evened the match, both of them working some well-timed pump-handle tactics on Baillargeon's leg while Karbo was busy in the opposite corner trying to restrain the raging McCune.

The windup six minutes later was mayhem, all four grapplers flaunting Karbo's weak jurisdiction and entering the fray at once, not to mention the odd uncontrollable fan. When the smoke cleared Shibuya was astraddle a prone McCune (Pazandak had done most of the dirty work) and Karbo elevated the Hawaiians' arm for victory.

Ole Olsen, the local fireman, and Red Bastien of Minneapolis fought to a 30-minute draw in the opener of the night, pick of the three starters. Mike Clancy pinned Dick Holbrook at 16.35 of the special, and Roy McLarty was conceded victory by Vic Holbrook after 16 minutes of leg work in the semi-windup.

WINNIEG, DEC. 4, 1953

* * *
Verdict Leaves Fans In Uproar

Ref Karbo Turns Villain; Heroes Bow To Jap And Joe

BY TED BOWLES

Screams of anguish from 4,000 wrestling fans ringing in his ears, Wally Karbo left the Auditorium ring Friday night. Wally had just cast Tony Baillargeon and Bob McCune into a secondary role in their tussle with Kinji Shibuya and Joe Pazandak, and the throng was on the verge of tears.

Though it was understandable what had transpired when Karbo raised Shibuya's hand in victory, it was confusing as to the reason why. Actually, Karbo disqualified Baillargeon, but terrible Tony

wasn't doing anything out of the ordinary. Tony was trying to get outside the ring where he belonged and where Pazandak reclined on the timekeeper's table. Karbo wouldn't let him out. The fact that Pazandak was directly in Tony's route of exit had nothing to do with the situation, for it cannot be definitely stated that Baillargeon was going to go after Joe. Perhaps Baillargeon, had he been allowed to leave, would have gone forthwith to his own side of the ring.

While Karbo and Baillar-

geon were tussling, Shibuya was rendering McCune prone with a stranglehold. It must be considered that Karbo was wrong this time. He tried to turn mind reader, which isn't good. Perhaps a re-match is in order.

But Baillargeon and McCune got in their licks early. So early in fact, that we turned our head to wink at something in the fourth row, and missed the fall. It took only 40 seconds. Just long enough for a few drop kicks and the customary three-count.

Pazandak has been winning a number of bouts with a variation of a reverse leg-lock or something similar (we tried it and couldn't move for three days) and he won the tying fall the same way with Baillargeon the victim. That one too: 25 minutes. The disqualifying and final fall took six minutes to fashion.

The semi-windup, which didn't measure up to expectations, can be tucked away in one short paragraph. Vic Holbrook hollered "uncle" after 17 minutes as Roy McClarty persisted in punishing him with a toe hold.

Dick Holbrook didn't appear as tired as brother Vic. He gave Mike Clancy quite a scrap, but despite his advantage in size over Clancy, he couldn't cope with Mike's wrestling skill, and was counted out at 16:35.

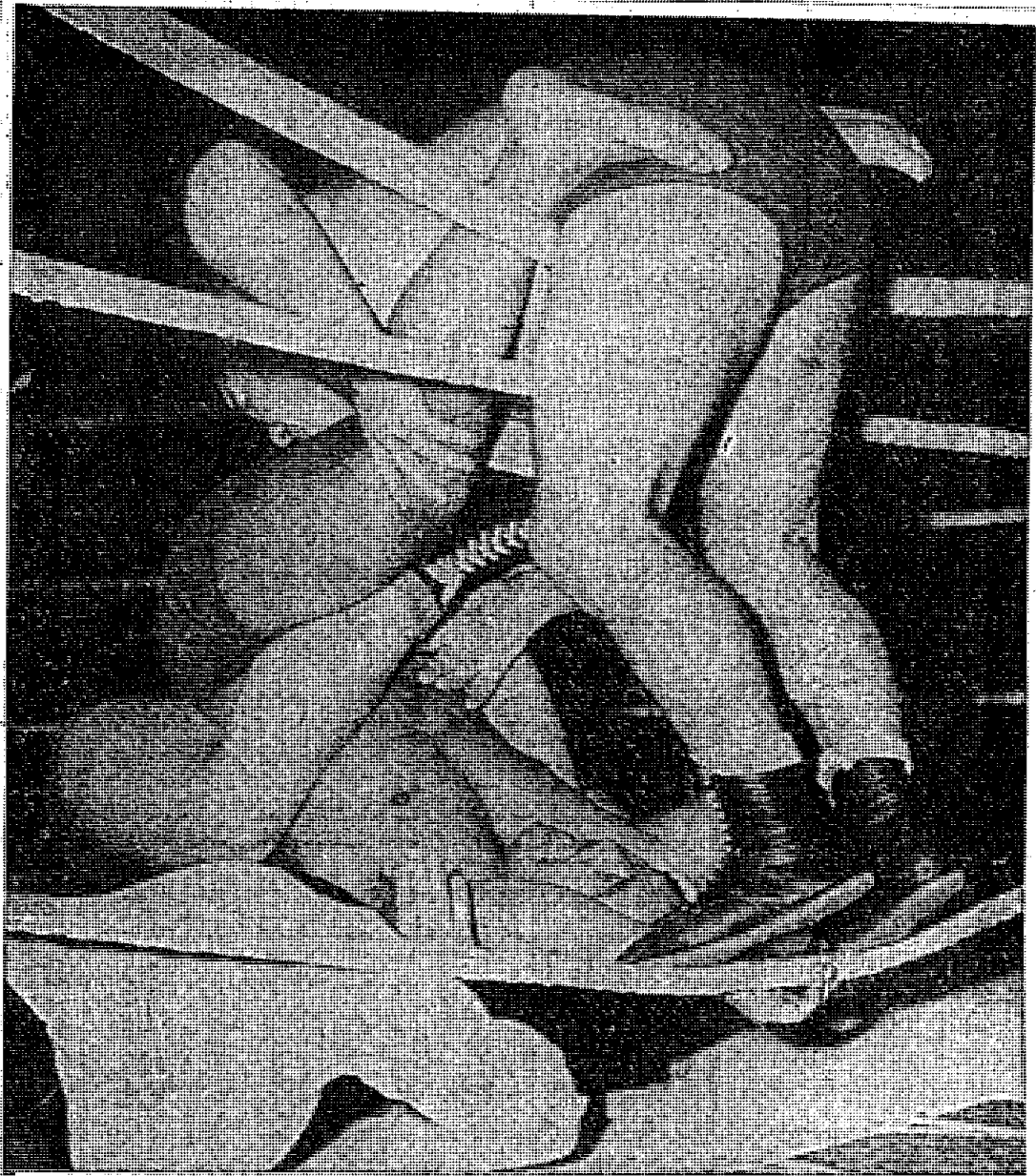
Clancy looked sharp, felt sharp and was sharp for this one. Most fans had taken a liking to him long since, but those who weren't on his band wagon before last night, certainly are now. He's a real smart boy, quick with a quip, and thinking continually. Holbrook, who looks as if he should still be going to high school, also rendered a fine performance.

Ole Olson, the best fireman in the ring Friday, showed a villainous streak for the first time, but it didn't deter young Red Bastien, a quick-moving guy of only 190 pounds. Bastien and Ole went 30 minutes to a draw in one of the better openers.

Bastien, with his red hair flying about in chaotic fashion, caught the eye of a number of fans.

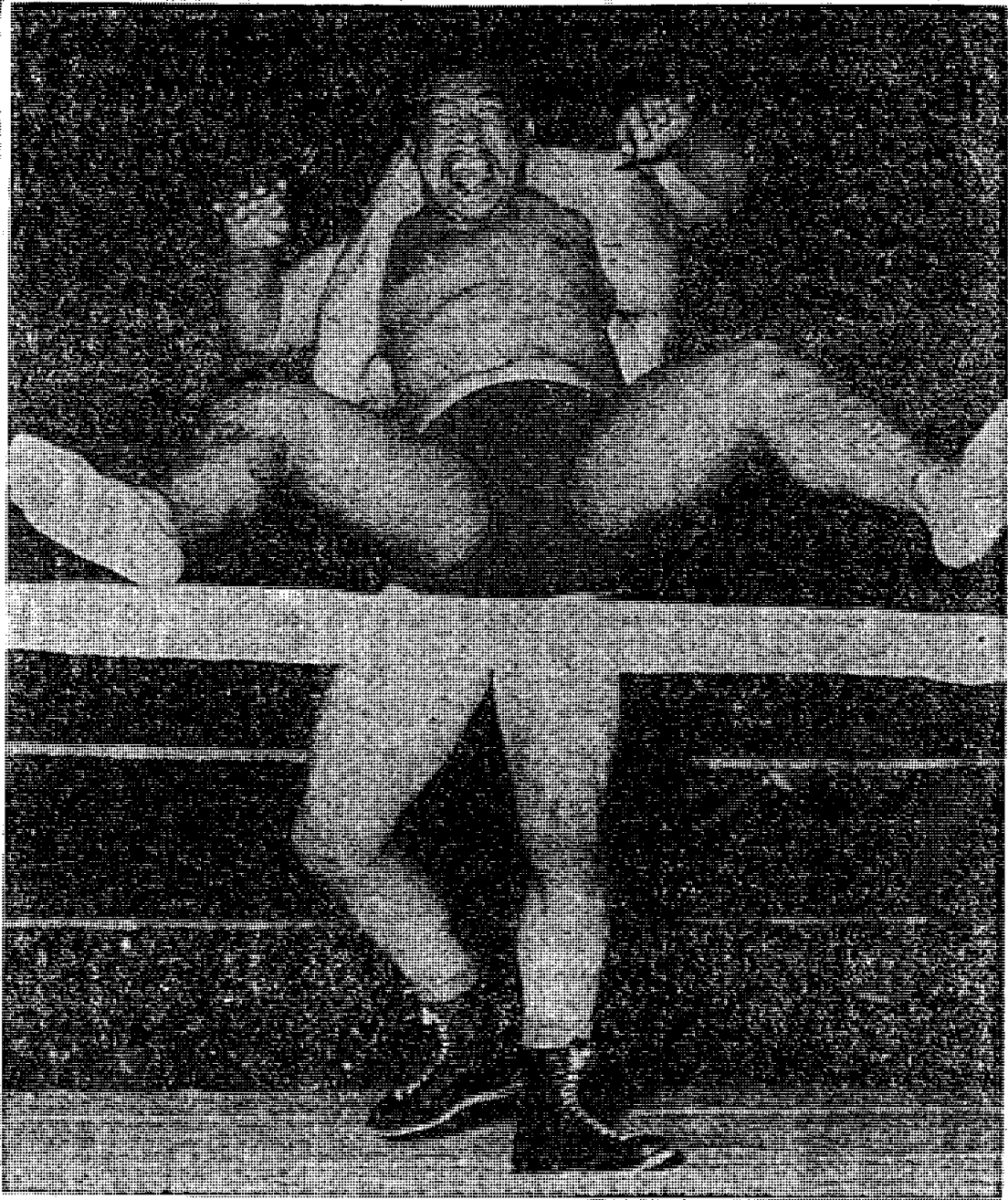
Next show is slated for Dec. 18.

WINNIPEG DEC. 4, 1953



OOPS A DAISY: Joe Pazandak was in the act of helping partner, Kinji Shibuya, at this stage of Friday's main wrestling event at the Auditorium, but the helping hand failed a second later and Pazandak went sprawling on his back. That's Shibuya, upside down and grimacing, while Bob McCune can be identified by only one leg wrapped around Shibuya. Ref Wally Karbo is counting shoulders.

WINNIPEG DEC. 4, 1953



TIMBERRRR! By the looks of it, bad boy Kinji Shibuya isn't at all pleased with the treatment he's getting from strongman Mr. America Bob McCune. The ride up wasn't so bad but it was a long way down and the ring floor is hardly a feather bed. It was all part of Friday night's rollicking wrestling show at the Auditorium, Kinji and partner Joe Pazandak eventually coming out best over McCune and Tony Baillargeon in a rousing tag team finale.

MINNEAPOLIS DEC. 8, 1953

Lu Kim Vetoes Judo Jackets

As far as Lu Kim was concerned today, judo jacket wrestling can return to the Orient for good. Or at least until the time comes when two referees handle a match.

Kim lost his first local wrestling match in 11 bouts at the Auditorium Tuesday night. Kinji Shibuya was the winner after 16 minutes, 30 seconds.

But many of the 5,243 fans and Kim felt that he should have had a chance to continue the match.

After holding Shibuya even for the first 15 minutes, Kim was pitched into Referee Vic Holbrook. Holbrook hit the Auditorium floor, and while he

was out of sight, Shibuya loosened the belt fastening Kim's jacket and wrapped it around his neck.

When Holbrook climbed back into the ring Kim was unconscious and so Shibuya was ruled the winner. Said Holbrook: "Kim was not able to talk or to wrestle."

Besides Holbrook being shaken up, Kim suffered a cut right ear and Shibuya has a cut mouth—plus a few loosened teeth.

The results:

Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, defeated Lu Kim, 265, Manchuria, 16:30.
Joe Pazandak, 228, Minneapolis, pinned Mike Clancy, 221, Boston, 18:39.
Roy McClarty, 228, Winnipeg, won on foul over Mighty Ursus, 300, Mexico, 18:54.
Man Mountain Dean, Jr., 340, Little Rock, Ark., pinned Angelo Pofo, 225, Chicago, 11:12.
Red Bastien, 190, Minneapolis, drew with Tony Baillargeon, 211, Quebec, 24:55.

★ ★ ★ ★

Kinji 'Jackets' Lu Kim at 16:30

An injury to the referee and a stranglehold of doubtful legality combined Tuesday night to hand Lu Kim his first wrestling setback in 11 starts at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Kinji Shibuya was the winner of Minneapolis' first judo jacket match in 16 minutes and 30 seconds before 5,243 protesting fans.

A master at this type of Oriental mayhem, Shibuya was doing no better than hold his own when, at about the 15 minute mark, he flipped Kim into Referee Vic Holbrook. Holbrook flopped to the auditorium floor.

WITH NO arbiter to bother him, Shibuya loosened the belt fastening Kim's judo jacket and wrapped it around Lu's neck.

Holbrook crawled back through the ropes just in time to see Kim collapse on the mat

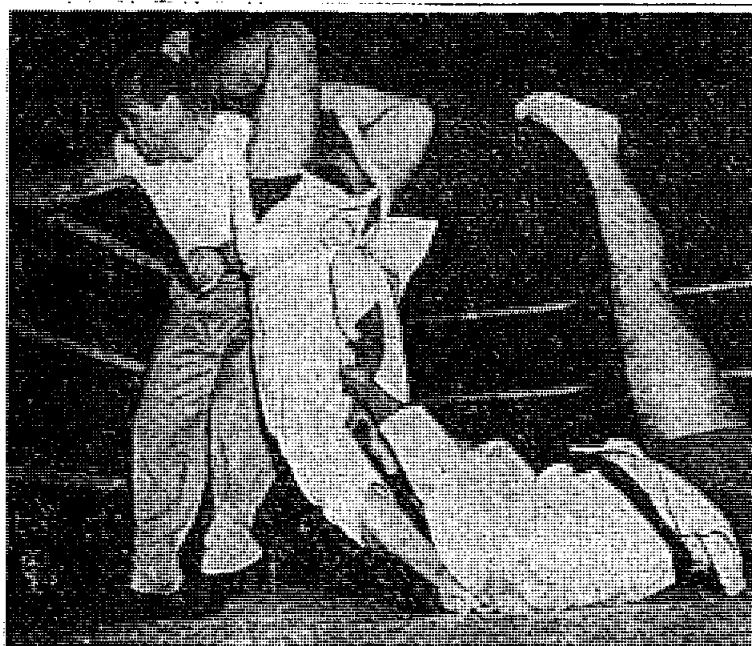
and give Kinji the victory.

"Kim was unable to talk or wrestle," Holbrook ruled after the wild finish. "He could not possibly have continued."

VIC WAS shaken up by his tumble, Kim suffered a cut right ear and Shibuya had a mouth cut and several front teeth loosened in the Oriental-style battle which may have persuaded all concerned to go back to American wrestling.

The two traded strangle holds at the start until the eight-minute mark, when both fell onto the auditorium floor on their heads. Kim came back with three slams and a series of judo chops to the neck that had Shibuya reeling until the "hijacking" that ended with Kinji almost as limp as his victim.

Kinji Shibuya, 231, Honolulu, defeated Lu Kim, 265, Manchuria, 16:30.
Joe Pazandak, 228, Minneapolis, pinned Mike Clancy, 221, Boston, 18:39.
Roy McClarty, 228, Winnipeg, won on foul over Mighty Ursus, 300, Mexico, 18:54.
Man Mountain Dean, Jr., 340, Little Rock, Ark., pinned Angelo Pofo, 225, Chicago, 11:12.
Red Bastien, 190, Minneapolis, drew with Tony Baillargeon, 211, Quebec, 24:55.



Star Sportsphoto by Art Hager

At Left, Beginning of End; Right, Shibuya Makes Kim Give Up

FT. WILLIAM DEC. 14, 1953

Goegan Registers Second Success As Pro Wrestler

Blackie Goegan of Fort William made good for a second time in as many starts as a professional wrestler last night at the Gardens when he pinned Dick Stepp of Minneapolis to the mat at the 20:33 mark of the opening bout on the card. In his mat debut last month Goegan was declared the winner when his opponent was disqualified.

Goegan's popular victory was matched by the Baillargeon brothers, Tony and Jean, who subdued Mighty Ursus and the junior edition of Man Mountain Dean with two out of three falls in the featured tag team event, while the crowd of some 1,200 customers experienced a certain amount of disappointment when Roy McClarty of Winnipeg was unable to conquer Kinji Shibuya of Honolulu, the two grapplers dividing honors when the time limit of 30 minutes expired without a fall in the special event.

Before flattening his opponent, Goegan absorbed considerable punishment but nevertheless managed to hand out more in return, particularly when Stepp resorted to roughhouse tactics as the bout warmed up. At one stage Blackie sent Stepp rolling through the ropes onto the press table, the latter picking up the timekeepers' bell and brandishing it around his head. When he finally dropped it, Blackie yanked him back into the ring over the top stand.

Stepp retaliated by dropping Blackie with a wallop on the chin and kicking him through the ropes onto the ice. As Goegan crawled back onto the ring apron, Stepp attempted to boot him off again but instead was sent sprawling on the ice from a clout on the side of the head.

A couple of resounding body slams finally took the starch out of Stepp with Goegan dropping on him and pinning his shoulders for the required three-count.

The McClarty-Shibuya battle was

held up briefly at the start when the latter appeared in the ring wearing a sweater and refusing to remove it, claiming he was cold. Both McClarty and Referee Bill Kuusisto insisted, however, and Shibuya finally complied.

In the action that followed, Shibuya administered considerable punishment with a wristlock, augmented by frequent hair-pulling as well as a few strangleholds. McClarty retaliated with a leg split that caused his foe to writhe in pain but as the time limit neared, Shibuya almost finished off McClarty with a series of judo chops to the neck and throat. Just before the bell, however, McClarty came off the ropes with a flying drop kick to the face that sent Shibuya rolling across the ring.

The Freres Baillargeon had their hands full subduing their ponderous opponents who between them totalled 640 pounds, including Dean's flowing beard.

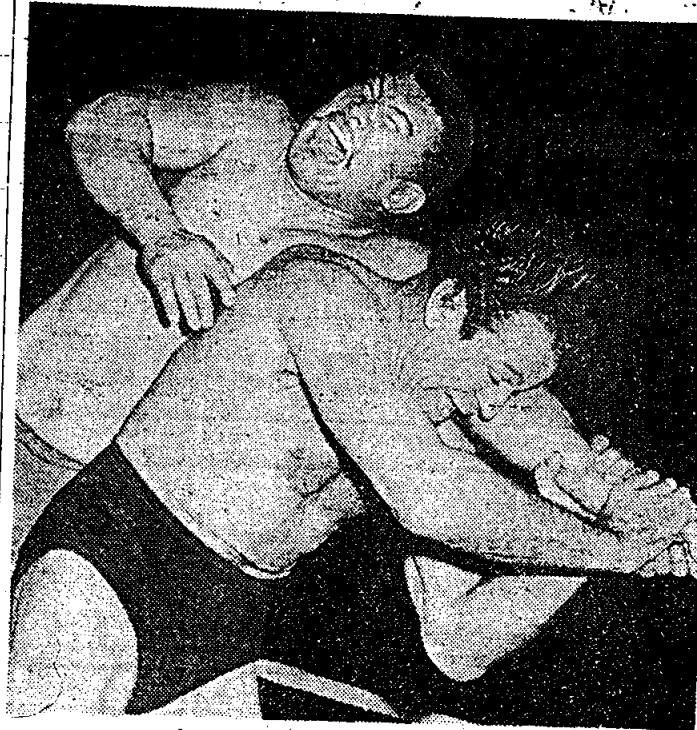
The first fall came at 21:12 just after Jean had hurled Ursus to the mat. As Jean braced himself against the ropes for a follow up, Dean belted him from behind and Ursus scrambled to his feet and pounced on his fallen foe, Kuusisto conceding the fall, apparently not noticing Dean's activities from outside the ring.

Less than eight minutes later Jean got his revenge with a couple of drop kicks to the face that sent Ursus to the floor with a jarring thump where he was held for the count.

Dean and Tony started off proceedings leading up to the deciding fall and the same two were in the ring at the finish, Tony also using a drop kick to topple his huge opponent.

Ursus and Dean attempted to resume hostilities after the bell but only succeeded in having their heads butted together by the Baillargeons.

MINNEAPOLIS DEC. 15, 1953



KINJI SHIBUYA (LEFT) AND JEAN BAILLARGEON
Japanese grappler about to start air journey

SHIBUYA WINS

Pazandak Subdues Dean in 2 Minutes

Avoirdupois, which is French for weight, may count when you're selling coal, but it didn't mean anything to Minneapolis' Joe Pazandak Tuesday night at the Auditorium.

The 228 pounds of Pazandak handled the 340 pounds of Man Mountain Dean, Jr., of Little Rock, Ark., on the wrestling headliner last night with astonishing ease and pinned Dean in defeat in a mere two minutes and 16 seconds.

Kinji Shibuya of Honolulu, at 233 pounds, needed 20 minutes and 18 seconds to accomplish the same result in his co-main event show against the 251-pound Jean Baillargeon of Quebec.

Pazandak tossed the human blimp from Arkansas around the ring like an outsized volleyball and then dropped him with a drop kick before 2,481 chilly fans.

Shibuya had a tougher time as Baillargeon put up a terrific struggle before succumbing to the Japanese grappler's sleeper hold.

In other matches Roy McClarty of Winnipeg, Canada, pinned Dick Holbrook of Long Beach, Calif., at 19:26; Tony Baillargeon of Quebec, won over Georg Scott of Hamilton, Canada, at 24:46, and Red Bastien of Minneapolis downed Balk Estes of Chicago at 21:49.

MINNEAPOLIS DEC. 15, 1953



Staff Photo

KINJI SHIBUYA PLAYS SANDMAN
Jean Baillargeon suffers 'lockjaw'

Pazandak Wins, So Does Shibuya

Kinji Shibuya, Honolulu, and Joe Pazandak, Minneapolis, were the winners of the double main event of the weekly wrestling show Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Shibuya pinned Jean Baillargeon of Quebec with his sleeper hold after a tussle lasting 20 minutes, 18 seconds.

Pazandak crushed Man Mountain Dean, Jr., of Little Rock, Ark., into defeat in the brief time of two minutes and 16 seconds.

Baillargeon put up a terrific struggle against Shibuya and had considerable the better of the spirited contest up to the time he fell victim of the Japanese grappler's deadly sleeper hold. He then was squeezed senseless.

History says Mohammed came to the mountain when the mountain did not come to him. But he didn't come as fast as Pazandak did to the human blimp from Little Rock. Joe, after tossing the 340-pound Dean around the ring like a huge medicine ball, quickly slammed him to the mat with a drop kick, then leaped on him

to win the fall.

The crowd was 2,481.

Kinji Shibuya, 233, Honolulu, pinned Jean Baillargeon, 251, Quebec, 20:18.
Joe Pazandak, 228, Minneapolis, pinned Man Mountain Dean, Jr., 340, Little Rock, Ark., 2:16.
Roy McClarty, 238, Winnipeg, pinned Dick Holbrook, 245, Long Beach, Calif., 19:26.
Tony Baillargeon, 211, Quebec, pinned Georg Scott, 225, Hamilton, Canada, 24:46.
Red Bastien, 190, Minneapolis, pinned Balk Estes, 205, Chicago, 21:49.

ST. PAUL DEC. 26, 1953

Baillargeon Brothers Win Match

The referee does not enjoy getting slugged so Paul and Tony Baillargeon won the main event tag match of the wrestling matches at the St. Paul Armory before 3,088 fans Saturday night.

The end came abruptly after the teams of Kinji Shibuya—Abe Kashey and Paul-Tony Baillargeon had scored a fall apiece.

Shibuya scored the first fall in the two of three fall match by applying the sleeper hold to Tony Baillargeon at 28:53.

However, Tony, the smaller of the wrestling Baillargeon brothers, came back to drop-kick Shibuya into submission at 43:18 to give the brothers the second fall.

After that the fireworks started. Kashey and referee Jim Morgan couldn't see eye to eye on what was happening to the ring.

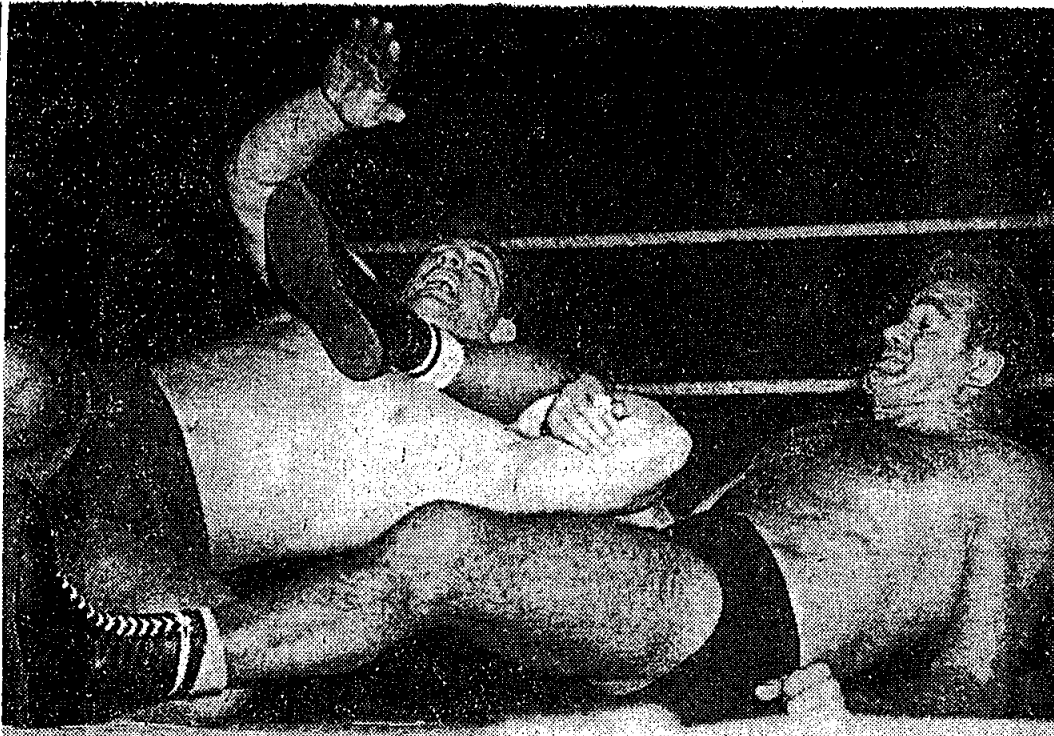
Kashey claimed he had touched his partner, Shibuya, giving him the right to step into the ring but Morgan ruled he did not. The end result was Kashey lowering the boom on the official.

The result of that action was Morgan awarding the match to the Baillargeon brothers.

Eddie Williams, promoter, announced immediately following the bout that he levied a \$50 fine against Kashey for his action.

In other bouts Red Bastien and Angelo Poffo went to a 30 minute draw in the opener; Jean Baillargeon pinned Tony Galup at the 13 minute mark in the special event and Joe Pazandak lost on a disqualification to Roy McClarty at 14:03 in the semi-windup.

MINNEAPOLIS DEC. 29, 1953



Backdrop Backfire Well, almost, that is, in the case of Lou Thesz. In this action shot of the championship mat match at the Auditorium Tuesday night, the champion, right, has used his famous backdrop on challenger Pat O'Connor. It brought both men backwards to the canvas and both were stunned when their heads hit the mat. Here Thesz is trying to obtain the advantage but Pat has grasped his right leg and eventually got out of trouble.—(Tribune staff photo.)

Thesz Gets O'Connor Draw as Fans Boo

Although Pat O'Connor of New Zealand had much the better of his wrestling match with world heavyweight champion Lou Thesz of St. Louis, Mo., he had to be content with settling for a draw after a thrilling struggle lasting one hour Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

A near capacity crowd of 8,166 which braved zero weather to witness the contest booed Referee Bill Kuisisto lustily when he called the bout a draw. The spectators thought O'Connor deserved the decision and, with it, the title, showing their displeasure by yelling themselves hoarse and shaking their fists at the arbiter.

O'Connor, on three occasions, apparently had Thesz pinned but, each time, the champion saved himself by crawling off the mat. In one of the situations, Pat slammed Thesz flat on his back with an airplane spin

but Lou saved himself by draping his left leg over the lower rope.

Twice more, within the first 40 minutes, Pat had Thesz flat on his back, once with a shoulder block and a second time when Thesz nearly knocked himself out by landing on the back of his head after missing a dropkick to O'Connor's face.

The champion instinctively, each time, managed to crawl onto the bottom rope, thereby preventing O'Connor from gaining a richly deserved fall.

O'Connor, too, came dangerously close to being pinned on a number of occasions by short-arm scissors, a hammerlock and a double wrist-lock. Pat punished Lou severely with a series of toe-holds, headlocks and head scissors.

During the last five minutes of the bout, O'Connor hurled Thesz from the ring during a furious mixup along the ropes and the champion

barely got back at the count of 18.

Thesz immediately put his head under the top strand, thereby being out of bounds and preventing O'Connor from pressing his advantage. The Irishman, on three other efforts, hurled Lou out of the ring and had him in a bad way when the timekeeper tolled off the 60-minute limit.

Abe (King Kong) Kashey, making his re-appearance here, enjoyed the unique experience of winning on a foul when Referee Stan Mayslack disqualified Paul Baillargeon after a lively tussle lasting 17 minutes, three seconds.

Kashey, who bears the reputation of being one of the foulest wrestlers, used his vast repertoire of savage tricks on Baillargeon with the result that the spectators thought Paul should have won on a foul instead of Abe. The fans were so incensed at Mayslack's action that it was necessary for several policemen to escort the referee from the ring to his dressing room.

Lou Thesz, 233, St. Louis, Pat O'Connor, 236, New Zealand, wrestled to draw, one hour.
Abe Kashey, 221, Los Angeles, won on foul from Paul Baillargeon, 238, Quebec, 17:03.
Kinji Shibuya, 233, Honolulu, and Tony Baillargeon, 211, Quebec, drew, 30 minutes.
Vic Holbrook, 260, Long Beach, pinned Bob Orton, 238, Kansas City, Kan., 16:33.
Joe Pazendak, 237, Minneapolis, pinned Red Bastien, 190, Minneapolis, 16:11.

WINNIPEG

JAN. 8, 1954

Battle To Draw**Tag-Team Villains Retain Their Prestige**

BY HAL SIGURDSON

Kinji Shibuya and Joe Pazandak are gentlemen of even temperament — they're always mad. To further classify them one might say that Pazandak is a lad with much girth and little mirth while Shibuya rather resembles an accident looking for some place to happen.

However, all this didn't do them an awful lot of good last night during Alex Turk's punch and gouge show at the Auditorium. All the nefarious pair gained in their tag-team main event with Bronko Nagurski and Paul Baillargeon was a 60-minute draw.

After an hour of hair pulling, rope butting, leg locks, and sundry other holds, all the combatants could show for their efforts was one fall apiece, plus bruises they haven't even counted yet.

Baillargeon put the pin on Kinji Shibuya at 15:35 for the first fall, while the Smiling One reversed the procedure 15 minutes later.

The next half hour the villainous ones spent using Paul for their own private punching bag, changing about with the utmost fairness — switching, not tactics, that is.

But every now and then Bronko, a soft-hearted sort, could stand it no longer and would intercede on his partner's behalf to give either Kinji or Jumpin' Joe a hard time. Now and then he'd even take it upon himself to give them the business at the same time.

Towards the end of the match, Baillargeon must have tired of getting bashed about, because he started dishing out a little on his own. He nailed Shibuya with a Flying Nelson a couple of times which helped make up for earlier abuses.

The match started off on a note of sweetness and light. Even Kinji got in on the act by politely stepping away when Pazandak backed Baillargeon into his corner. All he got for his trouble, though, was a dirty look from partner Joe.

Things changed shortly, however, and soon the bodies were falling thick and fast. Shibuya and Pazandak conducted a systematic search to see what was under Baillargeon's shoulder blade, but never did quite succeed in ripping it off. They got E for effort nevertheless.

Bronko kept spoiling their act. He'd charge into the fray like a maddened water buffalo chasing all before him. Neither of the villains were any too anxious to tangle with the big Minnesotan. Both, however, were quite ready to advise the other.

bell sounded. Baillargeon had Shibuya flat on his kilt while Bronko was busy threatening to tear Pazandak asunder should he try to interfere.

The matches were delayed more than half an hour. The howling snow storm had cancelled flights from Minneapolis and the grapplers were forced to drive down. Due to the

same storm they were late in arriving.

The semi-windup provided a lot of lively action as Abe King Kong Kashey, a mean old codger if there ever was one, knocked Tony Baillargeon around for 27 minutes and 35 seconds before Jack Morgan disqualified him.

Tony got in his innings too, mind you, but most it was the old meanie who held the upper hand.

Local lad, Roy McLarty, outfoxed lumbering Hans Herman in the special event. Though outweighed by 40 pounds, McLarty nimbly sped about his adversary, winding it up at 10:35. Hans was no little annoyed by the verdict, claiming he had been on the ropes at the time of the pin, which, incidentally he was.

But the 3,000 fans didn't give a hoot because they didn't like Hans anyway.

IN THE OPENER Battling Harold Nelson met his match in newcomer Angelo Poffo. After a few admonishing slaps to each other's chops, Angelo came up with a pin. It took him 21 minutes and 10 seconds.

WINNIPEG JAN. 8, 1954

Wrestling

Snow Fails to Halt Determined Grapplers

Old Man Weather almost beat the wrestlers Friday but the grunt and groan boys came out on top after battling snow and wind for half a day to get here for Alex Turk's show.

Bronko Nagurski and the rest of the wrestlers fought snow drifts for 13 hours on their way to Winnipeg from Minneapolis. The Motorcade of four cars had to be pushed through drifts which at times were four feet high.

Abe "King Kong" Kashey, driving one of the cars, said it took him nearly 50 minutes to travel 8 miles at one stage of the trip.

However, they got here and after a delay of 35 minutes in starting the evening's proceeding, the boys put on one of the best wrestling cards of the current season.

Bronko Nagurski and Paul Baillargeon were just beaten by the gong and had to be satisfied with a draw at a fall apiece in their tag match with Kimji Shibuya and Joe Pazandak.

For Nagurski and Baillargeon, it was a bit of a grudge battle after the way Pazandak and Shibuya had man handled the Nag and Paul's brother, Tony, in a recent tag match here.

Shibuya and Pazandak, two of the best showmen in the business, and no slouches as wrestlers, went deep into their bag of scoundrelism to do everything but tie Baillargeon in knots. They used knees, fists, teeth and everything but their toe nails against the unhappy French Canadian who took more punishment than a hen-pecked husband.

However, Baillargeon, used a full Nelson on Shibuya to give him a merry-go-round spin and the heroes took the first fall after 15 minutes and 30 seconds. The villains evened it up 15 minutes later for both Shibuya and Pazandak

nearly turned Baillargeon's arm into a pretzel with arm locks that made the Frenchman's shoulder stick out like another arm.

Paul's arm was still being worked on when the timekeeper's gong ended the match with a fall apiece after an hour.

That master of mayhem, Abe Kashey, was terribly offended when Tony Baillargeon was awarded the semi-windup after 27 minutes, when Kashey threw everything but the timekeeper's bell at the smaller Baillargeon. Kashey knows more about foul fighting than Lana Turner does about curves and he didn't hold one trick back from the young Quebecker.

In the special event, Hans Hermann, who would scare Frankenstein with the faces he pulls, held no terror for Roy McLarty. The 275-pound giant from Hanover, who continually urged the referee to "count da swine out" lost to McLarty in 10 minutes and 35 seconds.

Angelo Poffo, making his first appearance in Winnipeg, pinned Harold Nelson in 21 minutes. It was a new and villainous Nelson who appeared in the ring but Poffo was just too good for him.

Steve Trojack, Jack Morgan and Bill Kuusiste did the refereeing.

It was announced that at the next card on Jan. 22, the long-haired Baron Leone, from Italy, will team up with Dirty Dick Raines in a tag match with Shibuya and Kashey.

Raines has just completed a successful wrestling tour in Australia and is well known to local grunt and groan fans.

ST. PAUL JAN. 16, 1954

Baillargeon Pins Hans

Paul Baillargeon of the Quebec wrestling family, employed a full Nelson to overcome 280 pound Hans Hermann of Boston in 20 minutes and 38 seconds of the main match of the wrestling card at the St. Paul Armory

Saturday night. Baillargeon weighed 280. The matches drew 2,215 fans.

Tony Baillargeon, youngest member of the family, wrestled a draw with Kinji Shibuya of Hawaii in the 20 minute semi-windup. Tony weighed 220 and Shibuya 231.

Jack Witzig, former St. Thomas college football player making his local debut, used a full

Boston trap to pin veteran Bill McDaniels in 25 minutes and 13 seconds of the opener.

Dirty Dick Raines used his back breaker specialty to toss Lou Dickey in 13 minutes and 46 seconds on the special event.

Kashey Faces Baron Leone In Title Match

Abe Kashey, often a bridegroom and never a bride as far as wrestling championships are concerned, will have a chance at another title next Saturday night at the St. Paul Armory.

Promoter Eddle Williams announced Kashey would meet Baron Michele Leone in his main event at the St. Paul Armory, and that Leone's junior heavyweight title would be on the line.

Kashey told Williams two weeks ago he would make the 215-pound weight limit if he could get the shot. Training every day to take off poundage, Kashey promised Williams he would come in at the required limit.

Leone lifted the bauble from Danny McShain nearly a year ago, and has been undefeated in title matches since. It will be his second defense in St. Paul. He beat Tony Baillargeon earlier at the Armory.

MINNEAPOLIS FEB. 2, 1954

Conked Raines Is Loser to O'Connor

Dick Raines' silver horseshoe, which he carries into the ring for good luck, backfired on the roughhouse grappler from Texas when he lost on a foul to Pat O'Connor of New Zealand after a wrestling match lasting 18 minutes, 28 second Tuesday night at the Minneapolis auditorium.

As Raines was about to enter the ring, Abe Kashey, on his way out from the circle, grabbed Dick's horseshoe and conked him on the forehead with it, opening a gash that required four stitches.

This brought on a free-for-all fight between Raines and Kashey which finally was broken up by the police. During the mixup, a spectator socked Kashey in the mouth cutting his lower lip so badly it required three stitches to close.

Kashey's upper bridge also was loosened which will require the attention of a dentist today. To add to Kashey's woes, Promoter Tony Stecher recommended to the National Wrestling Alliance that Abe be fined and suspended.

Having warmed up in his brawl with Kashey, Raines decided to vent his spleen on O'Connor.

After ramming O'Connor's head into the ring posts, Raines grabbed his horseshoe, which was suspended from a rope in the corner and belted Pat in the small of the back. Referee Bill Kuusisto decided things had gone too far at this juncture and disqualified Raines.

O'Connor flattened Raines several times with drop kicks and drew thunderous cheers from the 5,871 fans by heaving Dick through the ropes twice. Raines, with blood streaming down his face, nearly pinned O'Connor twice but Pat managed to wriggle out before the referee could count three.

Pat O'Connor, 236, New Zealand, won on foul from Dick Raines, 240, Dallas, 18:28.

Paul Baillargeon, 238, Quebec, pinned The Mighty Ursus, 300, Mexico City, 16:10.

Tony Baillargeon, 211, Quebec, won on foul from Abe Kashey, 271, Los Angeles, 12:21.

Kinji Shibuya, 233, Honolulu, pinned Jean Baillargeon, 251, Quebec, 16:31.

Roy McClarty, 228, Winnipeg, Alex Cadler, 208, Gotenberg, Sweden, drew, 30 minutes.

Cadier Injured On Fine Card

Wow! Tag-Teamers Scrap One Hour, Settle Nothing

By TED BOWLES

Wrestling fans won't be content until they get a return engagement between last night's main event combatants. For this one, promoter Alex Turk sent Cowboy Dick Raines and Bronko Nagurski against Kinji Shibuya and Joe "Onion-head" Pazandak. He couldn't have done better. Neither could the wrestlers. They hammered one another for 60 minutes and the 3,500 fans loved it.

And that wasn't all. Tony Baillargeon and Axel Cadier drew rounds of applause for a skillful display of grappling that ended abruptly when Cadier injured himself when kicked out of the ring. Then there was Abe "King of the Ring" Kashey and Earl McCready, with Kashey being particularly colorful. They went to a draw after George Scott had beaten Harold Nelson.

But if the three opening bouts had not been staged, the fans still would have received their money's worth in the tag-team main event. From the time Shibuya and Pazandak finished their discussion as to who would start against Nagurski, until Billy Moyies rang the bell at the end, there was action galore.

Shibuya started off quite nicely with his judo, which annoyed Nagurski sufficiently that he clouted Shibuya mightily, or at least mightily enough to start the gore flowing from Shibuya's battered snout. As if this wasn't enough, Raines came on, got Shibuya in a headlock, and promptly punched him in the nose five more times.

Raines continued the carnage by aiming a body slam at Shibuya, only to miss and send Pazandak hurtling off the ring apron. This really started the pot boiling, and all four grapplers decided to ply their trade at the same time. When comparative peace was restored, Pazandak attempted to deform Raines' hand, but promptly got a thumb in the eye. After both tagged up, Nagurski caught Shibuya with four body slams, and the man from Hawaii was prone. That was after 21 minutes.

Shibuya got even with Nagurski by gaining the second fall, and evening the match. Bronko went outside the ropes to get Shibuya in line for a few rope butts, and after Shibuya was forced to suffer through having his feet stamped on by Raines, he got Nagurski back in the ring, and judo chopped him into oblivion.

RAINES and Nagurski started off the third heat with a bang, and we do mean a bang. Raines got Pazandak in a full nelson, marched him over to where Nagurski was fretting and fuming, and ilned him up so that Nagurski could drop him with a shoulder block. Then Nagurski grabbed Shibuya, Raines grabbed Pazandak, and they charged across the ring, banging a couple of heads together.

From then until the end, it was mostly mayhem, with the finish coming while Pazandak was choking Nagurski in one corner, and Shibuya was walloping Raines with Raines' own lucky horseshoe in the other.

Baillargeon and Cadier showed plenty of wrestling skill during the 15 minutes they were in action. They tossed complicated holds at one another, and escaped many with great skill. Cadier came to an inglorious end when Baillargeon, who had drop kicked a couple of times, landed another that sent Cadier hurtling out of the ring. Cadier, from Penborg, Sweden, had making his first appearance here, landed on the floor with a sickening thud. He injured his shoulder and cut his head, and was a sore and groggy gent when he signified that he couldn't continue.

KASHEY WAS his usual colorful self in going to a draw with McCready. Kashey was in a talkative mood. When one fan suggested that Kashey get to grips, Kashey replied: "How would you like to get in here yourself?" On another occasion, a photographer lined up a picture of Kashey with a headlock on McCready. Kashey

held the hold for quite a spell, but finally exclaimed: "Hurry up and snap it, what are you waiting for?"

It took George Scott 20 minutes to dispose of a stubborn Harold Nelson, who was in no mood for being pinned, and with a little luck, could have won the match.

Next show goes Feb. 19.

WINNIPEG

FEB. 5, 1954

WINNIPEG FEB. 19, 1954

Bronko, Raines Win And It's Judo Next

Joe Pazandak and Kinji Shibuya, two partners in a wrestling business version of Murder Incorporated were brought to some kind of justice Friday night at the Auditorium when they fell before the tag team of Bronko Nagurski and Dirty Dick Raines.

Though defeated, the two villains were far from subdued and would have been arguing the decision yet if the Auditorium caretaker hadn't taken things in his own hands and threateningly dimmed the lights.

There was some satisfaction for the Nag and Raines after the two teams had fought to a draw on Alex Turk's previous mat card. It was also a bit of a prelude to the next card Feb. 26 when Shibuya and Raines will meet in a judo match, wrestling jackets and all and will fight until one is unconscious or quits.

Wally Karbo, who travelled here from Minneapolis for Friday's bout announced that the strangle hold is not barred in judo and almost anything else goes.

To get back to Friday's fight, there was a near-riot in the ring after Raines was pinned by Paz-

andak at 20 minutes even. Raines had given Shibuya two back-breakers, in which Kinji was dropped on his back over Raines' knee. On a third back-breaker attempt, Shibuya grabbed the ropes and threw Raines off balance, landing on top of him.

Raines was then easy meat for Pazandak, who relieved Shibuya, planting a couple of fists to Raines' stomach and pinning him. Then the fun started with all four men battling in the ring. Raines aimed a haymaker at Pazandak, missed and hit referee Jack Morgan on the jaw, putting him down for a good 10-count.

The Nag evened things 12 minutes later when he pinned Pazan-

dak after Raines applied three more back breakers and then took the deciding fall from Shibuya.

Roy McClarty isn't a leftist politically but he certainly worked on Tony Baillargeon's left leg like a pretzel twister. However, Baillargeon survived and the two went the full route to a draw.

Both McClarty and Baillargeon are popular with wrestling fans here and drew a big hand as they tossed each other about with gay abandon, that is when McClarty wasn't twisting Tony's leg with appropriate grimaces.

One of the more pleasing bouts of the evening, particularly those with a weakness for orthodox wrestling, was the battle between Jack Witzig and Alex Cadier, the Swedish wizard.

They went to a draw after a neat exhibition of speed and some holds that haven't been seen here for a long time. Cadier managed to keep from going over the ropes on this occasion as he did when he was last here, landing on his head and abruptly ending the fight.

In the opener, Abe Kashey was his usual villainous self and disposed of the younger and less experienced George Scott, from Hamilton. Abe gave Scott a few lessons in the art of mayhem before pinning him at 16 minutes and 10 seconds.

After being declared winner, Kashey rushed over to announcer George Kent and proudly informed him that the fall was gained with what he called an "atomic drop." This is similar to Raines' back-breaker, except that Kashey drops his opponent on the seat of his shorts rather than on his back.

W/NAIPEG FEB 19, 1954

So Says Kinji Shibuya

'You Just Can't Trust Anybody These Days'

After Alex Turk's latest grappling promotion at the Auditorium Kinji Shibuya was heard to mutter, "you just can't trust anybody these days."

Kinji had just been severely whopped on the toe bone by Rough Richard Raines and whilst in the throes of mortal agony pin-

ned by Bronko Nagurski for the third and deciding fall of a riotous tag-team main event.

Jumpin' Joe Pazandak (Kinji's partner) pinned Raines for the first fall of the match after Shibuya had softened him up with a series of judo chops about the head and shoulders. The time was

16 minutes. Bronko evened the score 12 minutes and 15 seconds later by pinning Pazandak assisted by a few roundhouse rights by Raines, er pardon Dick —elbow smashes.

All told while Raines didn't pin anybody he had himself a field day smashing everybody in sight and although Nagurski gained both his side's falls he spent more time looking up at the ceiling than is his wont.

In the semi-windup Roy McClarty and Tony Baillargeon romped to a 45-minute draw. Each battler had a favorite target. McClarty belabored Baillargeon's left leg something awful, while Tony (he registers pain beautifully) concentrated on McClarty's right arm.

However, McClarty also threw in a few headlocks so you might say he was in front by a head at the bell.

The match was gentlemanly all the way. Both left the ring shaking hands, each convinced that their opponent was nearly as good as himself.

Another pair of good clean living lads, Axel Cadier and Jack Witzig, fought to a 30-minute draw in the special event.

In the opener Abe "King Kong" Kashey, no doubt chagrined at being relegated to opener status, disposed of George Scott in 16 minutes and 10 seconds.

Kashey used his "famous" atomic drop as the coup de grace. Just to make sure everyone was aware of the weapon he used he informed the announcer and had him tell one and all.

Alex Turk's next show goes Feb. 26 when Kinji Shibuya and Rough Richard Raines tangle in a battle to the finish, judo jacket style.

WINNIPEG FEB. 26, 1954

Winnipeg Fans See Something New

Shibuya Cools Raines In Judo-Jacket Match

By TED BOWLES

Kinji Shibuya won the first judo-jacket wrestling match staged in Winnipeg Friday night when he left Cowboy Dick Raines cold on the canvas after less than 24 minutes of battling.

The match was a fight to the finish. It didn't take Shibuya long to finish Raines, leaving the crowd of close to 3,500 almost as cold as it did Raines.

Preceding the main event, Tony Baillargeon pinned Joe Dusek, The Mask gained the fall over George Scott, and Joe Pazandak pinned Axel Cadier.

Perhaps Winnipeg wrestling fans need only to become accustomed to judo wrestling, but on last night's show they were disappointed.

For the main part of the match, Shibuya and Raines were intent on throttling one another, with both trying for the all-important strangle hold. More than once it appeared that one would work, but each time the other managed to wiggle out of the hold.

At one time Raines pulled Shibuya's jacket over his (Shibuya's) head and clouted away, leaving Shibuya with a battered and bleeding nose.

Near the end of the match,

Raines unceremoniously tossed referee Jack Morgan out of the ring, the fall knocking Morgan cold. Raines went out after him to get the sash which had already been removed from Shibuya's waist. It was Raines' undoing. Shibuya wrestled the long, narrow strip of cloth from Raines' grasp and wound it about Raines' neck. Before Morgan could regain his composure and re-enter the ring, Raines was in dreamland, and Morgan raised Shibuya's arm in victory.

Raines was incensed over the verdict, and threatened to tear Shibuya apart if given another chance.

It was a strange garb which these two genfs wore into the ring. Apart from Raines' cowboy hat and lucky horseshoe, they were clad in jackets resembling the short nightgowns foisted on hospital patients. These jackets were held tightly about the waist with a narrow sash.

The best match on the card was the opener. With a pair like Pazandak and Cadier mixing it up, it wasn't surprising to see them steal the show. Both are artful grapplers, and they turned in a good display.

Though Pazandak won, it was not an easy victory. Cadier returned Pazandak some of the punishment he has been dishing out of late. Cadier was clouting Pazandak on the breaks, figuring it better to swing first.

Tony Baillargeon and Joe Dusek had a mad scramble. Most of the licks Dusek got in were of the illegal variety. He even went so far as to kick one rabid fan off the ring apron and flat on his back on the floor. The fan, a regular annoyance to the grapplers, will have bruises to show for his brief scuffle with Dusek.

Despite the punishment he took, Baillargeon was in high enough spirits at the end that he was able to drop-kick Dusek into submission.

Advance notice said The Mask was rough and tough. George Scott was still willing to go in the ring with him. Perhaps Scott will think twice the next time, for although The Mask didn't show any great amount of wrestling ability, he did all but kick the stuffing out of Scott, and finally knocked him cold with a piledriver.

Next Friday Lou Thesz returns to Winnipeg to battle Paul Baillargeon in the feature bout.

WINNIPEG FEB. 26, 1954
H2P1 08 45 3300



AGGHH! MY TONSILS: Kinji Shibuya, looking for all the world like a refugee from the French Foreign Legion, raps the sash from his jacket about the throat of Cowboy Dick Raines in Friday night's main wrestling event at the Auditorium. Referee Jack Morgan issues an expression of shock at Shibuya's tactics as he moves in to break it up. Moments later Morgan was out cold on the Auditorium floor, and Shibuya went back to work, finally strangling Raines into unconsciousness. The match was a judo fight to the finish.



WINNIPEG FEB. 26, 1954

Mr. Raines Will Leave Judo to Japs, Thanks

When Cowboy Dick Raines made like he was ridin' the range—chasing Kinji Shibuya around the ring with a Judo belt—he could hardly realize that he was bringing about his own finish. But, just a few seconds later—Shibuya had applied same belt to the sturdy neck of Cowboy Richard in a stranglehold that gave the Japanese a victory in the first Judo Wrestling Match staged in a local ring.

It was the main event on Alex Turk's wrestling card Friday night at the Auditorium—and the surprise ending came after 23 minutes and 55 seconds of rough-and-tumble Judo—which saw the victor—Shibuya—leave the ring with a bloody nose—and Referee Jack Morgan leave the ring a short time earlier—rather hastily—after being thrown by the loser—Dick Raines.

All in all, a crowd of about 3,500 wrestling fans turned out to the Aud for their first glimpse of Japanese Judo, and they left with mingled feelings. Some thought it was great—some were not quite so sure—but everyone agreed that it was certainly different.

For the uninitiated—it can be explained here that Judo is a form of Wrestling, with no holds barred. The participants wear white cotton jackets, held about the body with a

belt. Purpose of the jackets is to give the opponent a better opportunity to get a grip and toss one about the ring.

The Shibuya-Raines match Friday night started rather slow—but soon picked up tempo. After both battlers had tried various throws, and made several attempts at strangulation by tightening the aforementioned jackets about the throat—Raines finally started the final action when he got Shibuya's jacket over his head.

Holding Shibuya by the jacket, Raines proceeded to give the Japanese a thrashing about the face. Shibuya, meanwhile, couldn't see what was going on—but he could feel it, as the blood from his nose on the jacket soon testified. In the meantime, Shibuya's belt slipped down—and Kinji decided this was his ideal weapon. He got the belt around Raines' neck—and made an attempt at strangulation. Referee Morgan got 'em apart—and held onto Shibuya's belt—much to the disgust of Raines. Trying to get the belt away from Morgan—Raines threw the referee through the ropes into the front-row seats. Raines then climbed through the ropes himself—and retrieved Shibuya's belt.

At this point, Raines' strategy backfired. Shibuya was waiting for him as he climbed back into the ring. Shibuya floored Raines, gained possession of the belt—and administered the final touch of strangulation, leaving Cowboy Dick sprawled in the centre of the ring. Referee Morgan managed to crawl (literally) back into the ring to raise Shibuya's arm as the victor of a Judo battle that was billed as fight to the finish.

It wasn't until after Shibuya had left the ring, complete with bloody nose, that Raines got to his feet and protested to all that would listen. He claimed the use of the belt was illegal—and said something to the effect that he could still lick Shibuya at the Japanese game. Maybe he'll get another chance to try—but Friday night—Shibuya was the winner, in 23 minutes and 55 seconds.

Earlier on the Friday night card,

the villains got their innings in the straight wrestling. "Old Onion-head" Joe Pazandak pinned Axel Cadier, the Swedish star, in the opener—which proved to be one of the best bouts of the evening. Pazandak took 22 minutes and 25 seconds to dispose of Cadier, after both grapplers had provided a pleasing opening match.

Another villain—"The Mask", whose hometown is unknown, and who was making his first appearance in a local ring, came through with a quick victory over George Scott, of Hamilton. After going through his bag of dirty tricks, The Mask finally rendered Scott unconscious with a form of a pile-driver hold. Holding Scott's head between his knees, he fell to the floor, and Scott's head took the full force of the fall. Scott was still completely out after The Mask had acknowledged his razzing and departed from the ring. It took 15 minutes and 45 seconds.

The ropes—and a fan—came in for a workout in the special event of the evening before Tony Baillargeon, the Quebec hero, finally upheld the rights of justice to defeat the villain of the fray, Joe Dusek, from Omaha, Nebraska. Three successive drop kicks by Baillargeon finally subdued Dusek, after 33 minutes and 25 seconds of a scheduled 45-minute clash. Both wrestlers made liberal use of the ropes, and gave Referee Frenchy Champagne a busy time. And, one of the fans even got into the act, running up to the apron of the ring to take a swipe at Dusek. He landed on the floor, after Dusek kicked back at him.

Wrestling will be back in the Auditorium again next Friday evening, and regular fans will be looking forward to another special treat. The main event next week will be a title bout—as Alex Turk brings Lou Thez in for a scrap with Paul Baillargeon. It shapes as a battle royal.

WINNIPEG FEB 26 1954

Dick's the Boss...



Dirty Dick Raines is master of the situation as he whales away at Kinji Shibuya, who is neatly trapped in his own judo jacket.

WINNIPEG FEB 26, 1954

...But Not for Long



But the worm turned and Raines is hollering for the cops here. Shibuya is merely strangling Dick with his own belt, and the end came seconds later. Judo, it seems, is here to stay.

MINNEAPOLIS

MAR. 2, 1954

Thesz Beats Baillargeon, Keeps Title

Lou Thesz retained his heavy-weight wrestling championship outside the ring Tuesday night. In the headliner at the Minneapolis armory, the smooth-working titleholder from St. Louis, Mo., defeated Paul Baillargeon of Quebec when he proved a little faster at getting back into the ring after failing to enjoy himself outside of it.

Baillargeon had the better of the grappling for a good deal of the match. He was fast and had the monarch on the defensive much of the time. One time he put on his full nelson spin and Thesz hung on the ropes.

As he spun off, the men knocked down referee Bill Kuusisto and both went out of the ring with Paul on top. Lou threw him off, Baillargeon cracking his noggin against the bottom of a ring post. Thesz climbed back in but the Canadian strong boy couldn't make it within the required 20 seconds, the match ending at the 28:18 mark.

THE 6,950 fans saw a bristling semi-windup with Kinji Shibuya pinning Lou Klein of Detroit, Mich., in 23:28. It was the best match on the card, the Honolulan finally winning with his famous chop and sleeper hold.

Excitement flared as Axel Cadier of Sweden won by disqualification from the unamiable Abe Kashey. Abe used his atomic drop hold from outside the ropes and John Freberg, Cadier's handler and interpreter, was not enamored of the move. He complained to referee Jack Morgan and the arbiter disqualified Kashey at 18:48.

Abe naturally was not pleased. He tried a punch at Freberg and old John, who used to be a star barefooted heavyweight wrestler himself, was ready to have it out. But the gendarmes escorted Abe from the premises.

Results:

Lou Thesz, St. Louis, 233, defeated Paul Baillargeon, 238, Quebec, 28:18.
Kinji Shibuya, Honolulu, 233, pinned Lou Klein, Detroit, 228, 23:28.
Axel Cadier, Sweden, 208, winner by disqualification over Abe Kashey, Los Angeles, 221, 18:48.
Tony Baillargeon, Quebec, 211, pinned Bull Montana, Boston, 218, 17:32.
George Scott, Hamilton, Can., 225, pinned Frank Hewitt, Toronto, 244, 17:34.

ST. PAUL MAR. 6, 1954

ABE LOSES LAST—

Kinji Pins Kashey

Abe Kashey won and lost Saturday night in the headline match of the wrestling program in the St. Paul Armory. He lost last, so Kinji Shibuya came off with the honors.

Shibuya surprised the crowd of 2,754 by jumping the gun. He dispensed with his customary pre-match "salt" ritual, rushing out instead to throw the salt in Kashey's eyes.

Shibuya was disqualified but Kashey wouldn't accept victory on those terms. Kinji came back to pin Abe in 17:49.

Tony Baillargeon, of Quebec

pinned Tarzan Hewitt of Toronto in 21:12 of the semi-windup. The Mask won the special event in 15:31 from Bearcat Wright of Minneapolis. Fred Stoeker, Owatonna, pinned Art Bull of Des Moines in 18:49 of the opener.

A judo jackets match between Kinji Shibuya and Paul Baillargeon will headline next Saturday's St. Paul Armory wrestling card, according to Promoter Eddie Williams.

With a one-hour time limit, there will be NO pins allowed. The winner must be determined on a submission hold. In other words, the opponent must give up to determine a victor.

Shibuya, a native Japanese, learned his grappling jacket style.

MINNEAPOLIS MAR. 9, 1954

Baillargeon Beats Raines

Paul Baillargeon won on a foul from Dick Raines after a bruising wrestling brawl lasting 22 minutes and 21 seconds Tuesday night at the Auditorium.

Baillargeon, after flooring Raines twice with drop-kicks to the face, tried to flatten the Texas ruffian with a shoulder block, but Raines ducked under him and Baillargeon went headlong into the corner ropes.

The French strongman was badly dazed and in trying to get up fell with his neck protruding over the bottom rope. While the helpless Baillargeon was in this position, Raines made a desperate effort to choke him by stomping on the back of Paul's head.

As Referee Jack Morgan attempted to pull Raines away from his helpless victim, Dick jerked away from the arbiter and began jumping on the back of Baillargeon's head with both feet. Morgan finally pulled Raines off his victim and disqualified the Texan for his brutal fouls.

Paul Baillargeon, 238, Hopkins, won on a foul from Dick Raines, 240, Dallas, Texas, 2:21.

Butch Levy, 255, Minneapolis, pinned Frank Hewitt, 248, Toronto, 18:10.

Rocky Galup, 242, Winnipeg, pinned Rudy Kay, 236, Chicago, 17:06.

Kinji Shibuya, 233, Honolulu, pinned George Scott, 225, Hamilton, Canada, 11:12.

Tony Baillargeon, 211, Quebec, pinned Abe Zvonkin, 229, Buffalo, N. Y., 15:00.



Going Down

Dick Raines gets ready to drop Paul Baillargeon on his head during their wrestling match at the Auditorium Tuesday night. Baillargeon, however, survived such tactics by Raines to win on a foul in 22 minutes and 21 seconds.—(Staff Photo).

ST. PAUL MAR. 13, 1954

Shibuya Pins Paul Baillargeon

Kinji Shibuya applied a submission hold and defeated Paul Baillargeon at 24:09 of the main event of the wrestling matches at the St. Paul Armory before 2,476 fans Saturday night.

The jacket match between Baillargeon and Shibuya was a no time limit, no fall affair.

The match ended on a flurry of action when Tony Baillargeon stepped into the ring to help his brother. During the rumpus the judo jacket disappeared. Promoter Eddie Williams said he would like to have the garment returned. A suitable reward will be given the finder.

Girls On Mat Card

An elimination tournament, to decide the opponent for world champion Mildred Burke later this spring, will open next Saturday night at the St. Paul Armory.

It will match Ella Waldek, the fast-moving blonde, against Ethyl Brown of Tennessee.

Promoter Eddie Williams said the winner would advance in the tourney, meeting the victor of another women's match the following week.

The women's title match is carded for the same night Lou Thez defends his National Wrestling Alliance heavy-weight title here this spring.

MINNEAPOLIS MAR. 16, 1954

BY KINJI SHIBUYA

Raines Beaten, But Hardly Subdued

Dick Raines, still smarting over his judo jacket defeat by Kinji Shibuya Tuesday night, today was trying to figure out what he can wrap around Abe Kashey next Tuesday night when the pair meet in the Minneapolis auditorium.

Raines lost in 16:33 of his Shibuya bout Tuesday night in the armory, but, as usual, won the after-bout added attraction.

RAINES also showed some respect for referee Art Bull—a necessary bit of practice as long as Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight boxing champion, will handle the Raines-Kashey match.

Dick, for a change, had the 4,096 fans on his side. After 15 minutes of wrestling judo style, Raines shed his jacket and tore into Shibuya.

He dribbled the Japanese ace around the ring before Bull halted the match and demanded Raines again don the jacket.

While the Texan was attempting to put on what the well-dressed judo wrestler wears, he caught his right arm in a sleeve. That gave Shibuya a chance to turn villain and he sneaked up from behind, grabbed Raines, and bounced him off the canvas.

THEN A BIT of a sleeper hold, and the match was officially over.

When Raines recovered, he pitched into Kinji, used Shibuya's belt to do a neck twist, and then kicked him out of the ring.

The bit had nothing to do with the result. It was just an added attraction.

★ ★ ★ ★

Kinji Shibuya, 233, Honolulu, T. H., pinned Dick Raines, 240, Dallas, Texas, 16:33.

Axel Cadier, 208, Gulltomborg, Sweden and Roy McClarty, 236, Winnipeg, Canada, drew in 30 minutes.

Lou Dickey, 220, Milwaukee, won on a foul over Rocky Galca, 248, Winnipeg, Canada, 24:12.

Tony Ballargeon, 211, Quebec, pinned Jack Carter, 215, Auckland, New Zealand, 14 minutes, 3 seconds.

Dennis Clary, 235, Santa Monica, Calif., pinned Bill McDaniels, 247, St. Louis, 20 minutes, 33 seconds.



SLEEVE HOLD: Dick Raines, left, came up with a new hold Tuesday night, the "sleeve hold," during his wrestling match with Kinji Shibuya. Here he's shown trying to pull off Shibuya's judo jacket. But Kinji weathered that to go on and defeat Raines in the Armory.—Star Sportphoto.

★ ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ ★

Kinji Sees "Red" And Disqualified

Kinji Shibuya was the model of Oriental decorum and dignity Thursday night, at the Wheat City Arena, until he saw "red." But the "red" happened to be his own blood which annoyed him no end and he promptly belabored one Rowdy Richard Raines from pillar to ring-post in such a manner that it prompted Harold "Weakeyes" Nelson to disqualify the son of Waikiki.

The end came rather suddenly at the 23-minute mark of the main event after the pair had exchanged rowdyisms galore, with Raines getting in more than his share of blows.

In fact, it was his enthusiasm to gouge the eyes of Shibuya which was the beginning of the end. After getting away from a facial massage by Raines, Kinji went to rub off the sweat and he leaped high in the air when he found it was slightly rosy.

He literally swarmed over Raines, raining (if you'll pardon the pun) on the burly one from Dallas. He slammed, judo-chopped and hacked at Raines until the latter stepped outside the ring to seek refuge. That didn't stop Shibuya and he grabbed Raines by the head and slammed him into the post.

That was where Nelson stepped in although the gladiators attempted to renew hostilities, and did briefly before Joe Pazandak came to the aid of a groggy Raines and led him to the dressing room.

A little earlier in the evening Pazandak had been in the thick of things himself with Roy McLarty, a heart-throb from Winnipeg who has spent most of the last five years touring the wrestling world. The two battled for thirty minutes to a draw as Pazandak retained his record of never having been pinned.

The ever-popular Pazandak kicked, gouged, pulled hair and dug as deeply into his book of nefarious stunts as he could but it wasn't enough to topple McLarty who dished out a fair amount himself. At the bell, McLarty claimed the bout on points and they very nearly started it all over again.

The opener was a strictly scientific affair, although somewhat scambly, as newcomer Tony Baillergeon drop-kicked his way to a win over George

Scott of Hamilton who filled in for the injured Ole Olson. After lots of action, the pair attempted drop kicks at the same time. Both missed and were shaken up but Baillergeon got up a little ahead of Scott, levelled a couple of more drop kicks at Scott and then fell on him for the pin at the 23:40 mark.

Strictly Legal... The card attracted the largest crowd ever to attend a wrestling show locally and the customers certainly got their money's worth... From the slow start to the rapid-fire finish there was plenty of excitement... And it was a bit of an eye-opener for the uninitiated fans in the crowd...

One of the classic statements of the night was made in the dressing room after the show by Pazandak... "That McLarty is a dirty pup" was how he summarized his "go"... The pot calling the kettle black, doesn't even fit that one for few grapplers know more "inside" stuff than the Jumpin' one...

It took a little while to get the main event underway... Raines entered the ring in a bright red Stetson and carrying a silver-plated horseshoe which he insisted on padlocking it to the turnbuckle in his corner... Shibuya naturally objected and for good reason... Raines used it on one occasion to massage Kinji's back...

Then after the gong had sounded, Shibuya went into a weird ritual and scattered some magic potion around the ring... It all confused Raines but tickled the crowd... A fine gentleman all the way, Shibuya bowed graciously to Raines, the referee and the crowd for indulging with him during the ceremony...

Incidentally, Shibuya is a graduate of the University of Hawaii where he majored in physical education and sociology... He also coached the U. of Hawaii football club for three years before joining the wrestling circuit... He didn't exactly put his education to a practical use last night... The last time he split an opponent's head on the ring post Shibuya was suspended for five weeks but it won't likely happen this time... Raines head was slightly creased but certainly not split...

Villains Shibuya, Waldek Win Bouts

Although it was a bit confusing to the fans, Kinji Shibuya was declared the winner over Roy McClarty in the main event at the armory Thursday night.

The outcome was determined by referee Jack Morgan after 28 minutes and 21 seconds—during which time Shibuya exhibited all of the uncouth tactics he knew of and duly incurred the enmity of the spectators.

Both, toward the end, got out of the ring and engaged in some fistcuffs for the close-up consumption of ringsiders—who paid extra for the privilege. And when they got back in McClarty lowered the boom on Shibuya and fell on top of him. Morgan noticed, however, that McClarty's shoulders touched the mat during the rolling around and awarded the bout to the Hawaiian.

Two dolls, Ethyl Brown and Ella Waldek, tussled for 21 minutes and 22 seconds in the special event. Ella Waldek, the villainess, was the winner—seemingly cute enough to get away with a lot other athletes

couldn't. First event on the card was a fast-moving match between Tony Baillargeon and Angelo Poffo. And here the referee became a temporary hero when he gave the match to Baillargeon in a matter of 23 minutes and 37 seconds. It seems the Baillargeon boys really rate in this area.

ST. PAUL MAR. 20, 1954

KASHEY CONKS THE MASK—

Kinji Beats Baillargeon

Kinji Shibuya of Hawaii pounded Tony Baillargeon of Quebec into such a state of submission Saturday night that Tony had to be aided to the

dressing room after the St. Paul Armory match.

Dotson Meets Ella Waldek

Dot Dotson will clash with Ella Waldek in a special feature of next Saturday night's St. Paul Armory wrestling card, Promoter Eddie Williams announced.

Miss Waldek Saturday defeated Ethel Brown. The winner of the Waldek-Dotson match will move into the finals of an elimination tournament to determine an opponent for Mildred Burke's title later this spring. The elimination finals will be held on the May 1 Lou Thesz championship card.

wrestling fans. For more than two minutes the referee was knocked out in the ring as the principals hammered away.

Just before the main event, Abe Kashey was introduced in the ring and went after the Mask with the public address microphone, flooring the Mask. The Mask had thrown Axel Cadier of Sweden in 22:17 of the semi-windup.

In a special women's event, Ella Waldek of Portland, Ore., defeated Ethel Brown of Columbus, Ohio.

Dennis Clary, Los Angeles, won the opener from George Scott of Canada in 21:53.

MINNEAPOLIS

APR. 27, 1954

Raines Says Haggerty's Comeback Will Be Short

Hard Boiled Haggerty returns tonight to the scene of his first major wrestling triumphs—the Minneapolis auditorium.

The swaggering 253-pounder gained national stature here with a series of victories over front-rank grapplers. Banished by Promoter Tony Stecher last November, Haggerty repeated his local successes in northern California.

Tonight he comes back from exile to meet Cowboy Dick

Raines. Raines, Texas back-breaker king, promised Monday he'll make Haggerty's comeback a brief one.

Kinji Shibuya, the Japanese-Hawaiian menace, faces George Drake, a young prospect from Catalina island, in the semi-windup.

Other bouts send Hungarian Sandor Fozo against Roy McClarty, and Tony Baillargeon against Dennis Clary, starting at 8:30 p.m.

'BOSS' HAGGERTY BACK, HE WARNS

Hard Boiled Haggerty warned local wrestlers Sunday that "the boss is back and they might as well get used to the idea."

He'll get Cowboy Dick Raines used to it, the swaggering 253-pounder predicted, when the two meet in Haggerty's "homecoming" at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Haggerty has been in exile since last November.

A semiwindup sends Kinji Shibuya against young George Drake.

'Don't Hit Us, Joe,' Say Lou Thesz And Shibuya

Champion Lou Thesz and Kinji Shibuya, master of Oriental wizardry, issued warnings today to Joe Louis, former world's boxing champion, who will referee their title bout at the St. Paul Auditorium Saturday night.

Thesz, champion since 1948, said: "All Louis has to do is count to three when I pin Shibuya. Otherwise I want Louis to keep his distance from me."

Shibuya, jubilant when Louis was named the third man in the ring, wasn't so happy when Promoter Eddie Williams said he had given Louis permission to use his fists to maintain order and enforce the rules.

The judo chop, nerve and sleeper hold artist said: "If Louis wants to be around at the finish he better not hit me."

Williams said today that Abe Kashey would not be on Saturday's card because no opponent is available. Instead, Tony Baillargeon, the No. 1

challenger for Baron Leone's junior heavyweight title, will meet Sandor Fozo in the special event. For the opener, Williams signed George Drake against Angelo Poffo.

Louis relaxed today—his first in St. Paul—playing golf at Twin Cities Country club with Del Flanagan and Williams. Thursday Louis will attend the St. Paul Saints' opening game at Lexington park.

In the semi-windup Saturday, Hard Boiled Haggerty meets Mike DiBiase. Haggerty will second Shibuya in the title match.

Haggerty pinned Dick Raines in 15:54 in the Minneapolis Auditorium Tuesday night. In other

matches Shibuya defeated Drake in 17:15, Roy McClarty won on a foul from Fozo, and Johnny Moochy and Dennis Clary wrestled to a draw.

ST. PAUL MAY 1, 1954

Mat Crowd May Set Mark Here

Largest crowd ever to see a wrestling card in St. Paul or the Twin Cities is indicated by advance sales for the Lou Thesz-Kinji Shibuya headliner at the St. Paul Auditorium Saturday night, promoter Eddie Williams said today.

Record St. Paul crowd was the 7,500 which paid \$15,000 to see Thesz against Paul Baillargeon a year ago. The record Twin Cities crowd was the 9,900 who saw Dick Raines and Abe Kashy in the Minneapolis auditorium a few weeks ago.

A large part of that crowd was attributed to the appearance of Joe Louis, former heavyweight boxing champion, as referee. Louis also is going to referee here Saturday.

Williams says the Auditorium is set up for more than 10,000 fans. A sellout would mean a gate of approximately \$20,000 he says.

Included in the audience will be three large groups from St. Paul firms. There will be 1,000 from the Seeger Refrigerator company, 500 from Brown & Bigelow and 500 from Minnesota Mining.

Competing with Saturday's main event in interest is the semiwindup between Hard Boiled Haggerty and Mike DiBiase. Haggerty will have double duty. In addition to wrestling he will be in Shibuya's corner as his adviser in the title mix.

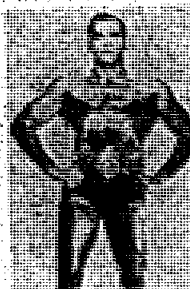
Tony Baillargeon and Zandor Fozo meet in the special event and the opener, at 8:30 p. m., has Angela Poffo against George Drake.

WRESTLING

WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

ST. PAUL AUDITORIUM ARENA

Saturday, May 1, 8:30 P. M.



Lou Thesz

**LOU
THESZ**

Champion

vs.
**KINJI
SHIBUYA**

Undeclared Japanese

Champion

3 Other Star Bout



Kinji Shibuya

Tickets now on sale. Prices, reserved: \$2.50, \$2.00, tax included. Field-Schlick; Coronado Cafe, University and Snelling; East Side Hardware and Sporting Goods; Sugar's Bar & Cafe, across from Union Depot.

Mail orders will be given prompt attention, address Field-Schlick ticket office, St. Paul 2.

For choice seats get your tickets early.

ST. PAUL MAY 1, 1954

Shibuya To Face Lou Thesz May 1

Kinji Shibuya will have a chance to bring the National Wrestling Alliance heavyweight champion to Japan.

That was the word Saturday from Promoter Eddie Williams, who announced the Hawaiian-born Japanese villain would meet Lou Thesz, the current NWA titleholder, in a title match in the St. Paul Auditorium May 1.

A feature story on Kinji Shibuya appears in the rotogravure section of today's Pioneer Press.

Williams said he selected Shibuya after the judo-chop artist had waded through an elimination tournament against name contenders. Williams also said a month-long poll of regular wrestling customers also showed Shibuya leading.

The signing of Thesz was announced a week ago, but the promoter said the delay in naming the opponent occurred over terms of the contract.

Williams said this is one of the few times an Oriental has been given a shot at the title.

Williams said he is arranging special bus transportation for

out-of-town fans planning to attend from surrounding communities.



KINJI SHIBUYA

ST. PAUL MAY 1, 1954

Thesz Retains Mat Title

By ROGER ROSENBLUM

It took Joe Louis and a "military cordon" to decide the winner at the St. Paul Auditorium Saturday night, but when everything had cleared Lou Thesz still retained his National Wrestling Alliance heavyweight championship.

But before the final edict, Louis, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, had raised Kinji Shibuya's hand in victory as a crowd of 8,880 (gross gate of \$16,377.50) hooted at the verdict.

At 21:34 Shibuya culminated a series of sumo chops that had Thesz groggy. One more chop felled the champ, and the Japanese jumped on for the pin. Louis raised Shibuya's hand, and the ring immediately was filled with protesting wrestlers and referees—including Abe Kashey, Bill Kuusisto, Wally Karbo, Zandor Fozo and an assortment of policemen to keep order.

Shibuya was putting on a victory demonstration, accompanied by Hard Boiled Haggerty, his second. But when the invading mob had explained to Louis that Haggerty was holding Thesz' legs outside the ropes, the

Brown Bomber reversed his verdict and raised Thesz' hand.

That produced more fireworks, as Haggerty rushed Louis and planted a haymaker on the former champ's jaw. Louis reeled back, but police prevented further disturbances.

For Haggerty it was sweet revenge for an evening of maltreatment. During the course of the match, Thesz had planted a well-aimed foot on Mr. Haggerty's nose, sending him reeling back into the second row of

seats. It all occurred with Louis' approval.

As far as the actual progress of the title match was concerned, the crowd hooted as the Japanese used hair-pulling tactics to Thesz' discomfiture. Shibuya ignored Louis' commands most of the way, until the Bomber assumed a boxing stance. Then, Shibuya backed away, hands in air, protesting possible violence. Counteracting the bad-man, Thesz drew applause for his use

of the flying head scissors to bring Shibuya crashing to the mat, and the crowd shouted approval as the champ crashed down on Kinji's bare toes with his heavy-heeled shoes.

In other matches, Haggerty won over Mike DiBiase at 17:02 of the semi-windup; Paul Baillargeon, substituting for injured brother Tony, disposed of Zandor Fozo at 19:30 and Angelo Poffo topped George Drake in 24:32 of the opener.

MINNEAPOLIS MAY 11, 1954



Star Sportsphoto.

COWBOY DICK RAINES "STOPS TRAFFIC"
Captain Elmer Norlander tries on hat

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

BEST WRESTLER

Raines Sees Gagne as Eventual Champ.

The local wrestling situation has enough so-called "feuds," but just in case any more are needed Dick Raines added one Thursday.

Speaking before Shrine members at Golden Valley, Raines said: "I understand Hardboiled Haggerty was to speak here today. But I guess he ran out, just like he does when I want to wrestle him."

RAINES, red cowboy hat and all, told the gathering that he's 42 years old, and has wrestled all over the world and part of Texas, and likes Minnesota the best "because I make good money, but that's beside the point."

He expressed his feelings on Texas and fishing with the remark that "we have a pretty good lake down there. It's called the Gulf of Mexico."

Raines said he has com-

peted in over 3,000 matches and that he thinks Verne Gagne is the greatest wrestler today and will be the next champion.

JOKINGLY, he remarked that "Abe Kashey is 76 years old . . . that I never have and never will get along with him . . . But I think he has been a credit to wrestling and has given his all for the game."

Raines, who usually hasn't too many good words for opponents, said that "Leo Nomellini has turned out to be a good wrestler . . . And Bronko Nagurski is one of the greatest athletes of all time, even though he wrestled me over 20 times."

As for Gagne, he has a Tuesday Auditorium date with Kinji Shibuya and today Butch Levy was named referee for the bout.

Gagne Uses Grid Toe to Win Point

Verne Gagne, once an end in football, Tuesday night dropkicked the necessary point to win his wrestling match at the Minneapolis auditorium.

Gagne's dropkick was his fourth straight effort, and the last one caught Kinji Shibuya on the chin hard enough to keep him down for the three count after 25 minutes and 26 seconds.

Shibuya leaped to his feet soon enough to register a protest which Referee Butch Levy calmly ignored.

Until then, however, the 4,481 fans thought that the two wrestlers had their sports completely mixed. For the first 20

minutes the pair played baseball, taking turns batting each other out of the ring.

Just before the finish, Shibuya climbed back into the ring after one of his frequent exits and tried a series of chcke holds on Gagne.

Verne worked free, aimed a flying tackle, but caught a chop blow to the throat instead.

When Shibuya tried the same trick again, Gagne started his series of dropkicks, and Kinji started out of the picture.

Verne Gagne, 221, Excelsior, Minn., pinned Kinji Shibuya, 233, Honolulu, 25:26. Karl Karlsson, 275, Sweden, pinned Bob Orton, 265, Kansas City, Mo., 8:03. Fritz Von Eric, 263, Yorkville, Pa., pinned Juan Hernandez, 223, Mexico City, 10:23. Angelo Poffo, 225, Chicago, and Roy McClarty, 238, Winnipeg, wrestled to no contest in 25:26.

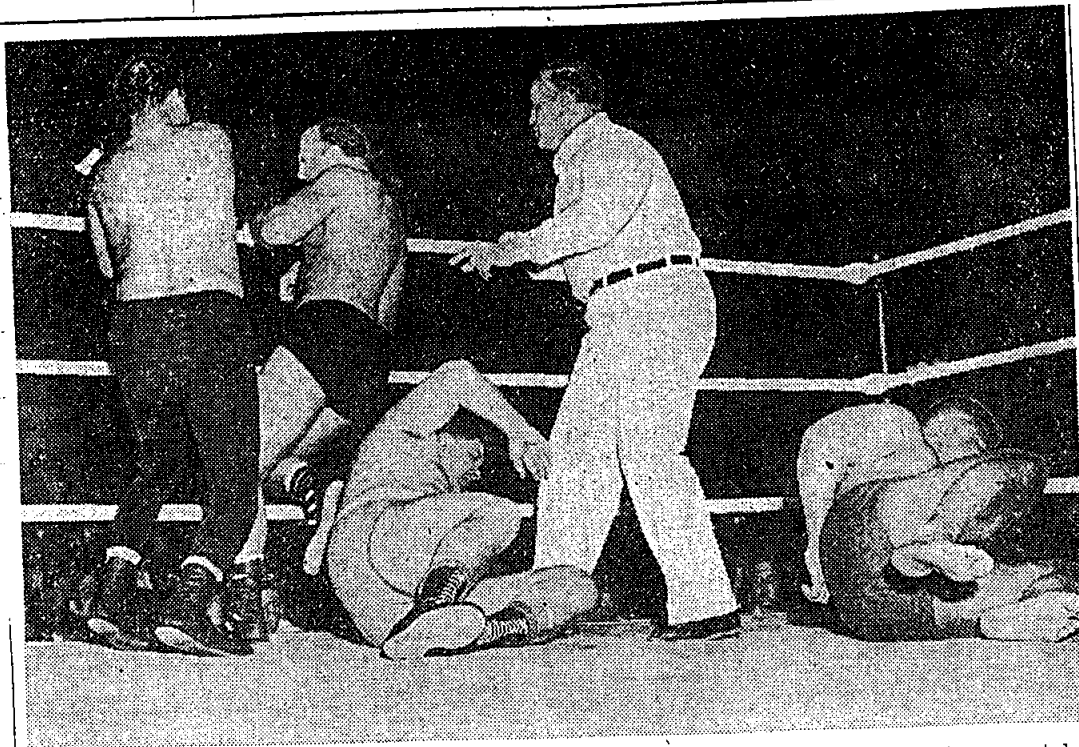
★ ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ ★



Star Sportsphoto

GRIMACING VERNE GAGNE SET FOR 'KILL'
Kinji Shibuya on mat in Tuesday's wrestling feature



Marvelous Moment Here is one of the lighter pauses in the tag team match at the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night. At the left Abe Kashey, of the Kashey-Dick Raines team, has knocked down Hard Boiled Haggerty of the Haggerty-Kinji Shibuya adversaries. Raines also is down before getting up to help his partner. Referee Bill Kuusisto is trying to straighten things out before Shibuya, right, can re-enter the fray.—(Staff photo by Dwight Miller.)

Haggerty, Shibuya Win in Tag

Abe Kashey unwittingly caused the defeat of himself and Dick Raines in their tag team match with Hard Boiled Haggerty and Kinji Shibuya when he accidentally knocked out Raines with a chair to bring about their defeat after a brawl lasting 26 minutes, 27 seconds before a near capacity crowd of 8,674 in the Minneapolis auditorium Tuesday night.

Kashey and Raines had much the better of the battle, with Raines finally rendering Shibuya senseless with a series of judo chops to the neck and jaw. Having disposed of Shibuya, Raines grabbed Haggerty, pinned his arms behind his back and rammed him into the corner where Kashey was standing on the apron outside the ropes.

As Raines held Haggerty in a helpless position, Kashey rained haymakers on the New York Irishman's unprotected face. Haggerty finally planted one of his feet against Kashey's stomach and catapulted him into the press row. Abe then grabbed a chair, raced up the steps with the intention of belting Haggerty over the head with it.

Haggerty instinctively ducked and Kashey hit Raines instead, smashing the chair over the the Texan's conk. Raines was knocked out, whereupon Haggerty leaped upon him and pinned him for the fall. When Raines recovered in a few seconds, he went berserk and the thought struck him that Kashey knocked him out intentionally.

He then ripped into Kashey and battered him around the ring with both fists, finally tossing Abe out of the ring. The two traded punches for fully two minutes outside the ring until they were separated by several wrístlers.

Raines battled the wrestlers for several minutes longer.

Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York and Kinji Shibuya, 233, Honolulu, defeated Dick Raines, 240, Dallas and Abe Kashey, 221, Los Angeles, tag team match, 26:27. Tony Ballargeon, 211, Quebec, pinned Angelo Poffo, 225, Chicago, 21:34. Roberto Pico, 238, Mexico, Dave Simms, 238, Kansas City, Mo., drew, 30. Dennis Clark, 210, drew, 30. won on a foul from Sander Fero, 240, Hamilton, Ont., 22:26.

MINNEAPOLIS

MAY 18, 1954



TEA HOUSE OF THE FEBRUARY MOON: Mr. Hito and Mr. Moto are two of the meanest characters in professional wrestling but they were first in line when it came to helping the simon-pures and turned up to pour at the Amateur Athletic Union's silver tea.

Friday in Eaton's assembly hall. The Japs were old pros, too, at handling the tea cups and that, of course, is an old Nipponese habit. The comely young lady on the left is student nurse E. Sweet from St. Boniface Hospital.

ST. PAUL DEC 3, 1955

Shibuya Gets 2d Chance At Thesz

Kinji Shibuya, one of the badmen of wrestling and hailed as the game's mightiest judo chop and sleeper hold artist, was named today as champion Lou Thesz' opponent in the St. Paul auditorium Dec. 3.

The title match highlights the annual Amateur Aid Fund wrestling show. For Shibuya it will mark the second time he'll be getting a crack at Thesz' crown.

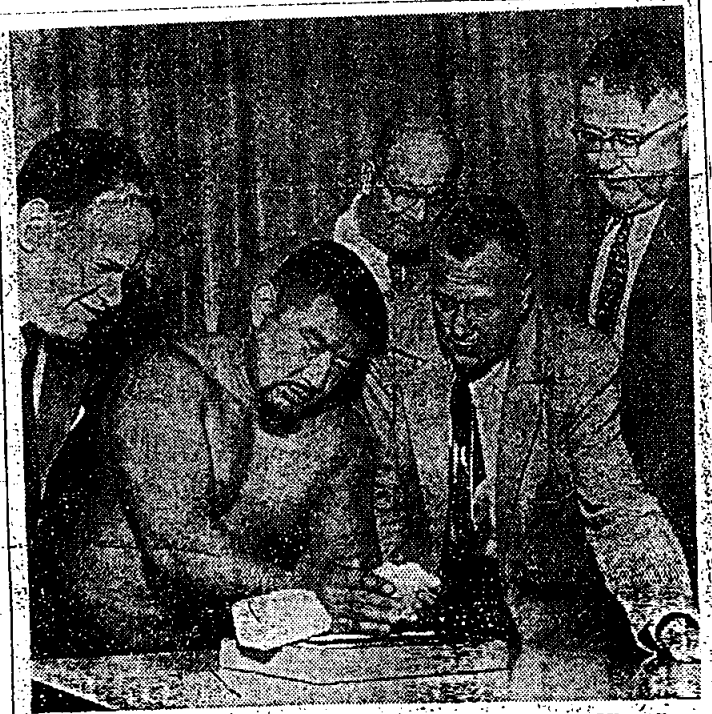
Two years ago Shibuya had Thesz pinned for the three count only to see Joe Louis, the referee, reverse the decision because Shibuya's second, Hard Boiled Haggerty, entered the ring. The bout ended in a turmoil before a crowd which paid \$16,000 to see the title bout.

Aid Fund Chairman Joe Okoneski who has a long list of civic and business leaders on his ticket-selling committee, and Bill Haman, originator of the Aid Fund show, hope the title bout will match the gate of two years ago.

If it does the Fund will be enriched by the largest check in the 16-year history of the event. Over that period, the Fund has received \$12,664.03 from the proceeds of the mat matches.

Receiving financial assistance for travel to events throughout the United States and Canada have been softball, hockey and basketball teams, skaters, tennis players, wrestlers, handball players, skiers and public links golfers attending national tournaments.

Thesz, because he is taking a part in youth programs throughout the country, offered to meet any foe on the benefit card. When the champion quits the ring he intends to work in youth centers in the Los Angeles area.



Kinji Shibuya's judo chops pack power. The Japanese wrestler, named today to face champion Lou Thesz, demonstrates his judo chop by cracking a brick in half with his bare hand. Before the test 20 members of the Amateur Aid committee tested the brick, as some contended: "It must be a phony brick." It took Shibuya four tries before the brick split, to the amazement of, left to right, Terry O'Toole, Ed Reisdorf, Joe Okoneski and Bill Haman. Okoneski is general chairman of the committee which hopes to fill the St. Paul Auditorium Dec. 3, with proceeds to go to the Aid Fund which sends St. Paul amateurs to events throughout the United States and Canada.

—Staff Photos.

ST. PAUL DEC. 3, 1955

Into Slumberland



The much talked-about sleeper hold of the wrestling profession went on display Monday at the Amateur Aid Fund kickoff meeting. There were a few skeptics who doubted that Kintji Shibuya could put Johnny Mauer to sleep with

the hold. Mauer is shown in slumberland as Shibuya applies the hold as Walter Bechik, James Jolly and Jerry Gerald, members of the ticket committee watch. Mauer's snores drew a loud roar from the crowd and Johnny claimed he never snores.

ST. PAUL DEC. 3, 1955

If He Beats Thesz Kinji's Rich--

Shibuya Mean In Ring, Gentle At Home

By MARK TIERNEY

Kinji Shibuya is a Japanese badman in the ring, but a loving, comforting husband at home.

While Kinji is boss at home, he's polite, never raises his voice and in four years of married life admits to only one heated argument with his beautiful wife, Janet, a sweetheart for four years before they were married in 1951. The lone argument came on their honeymoon.

Shibuya, tabbed wrestling's No. 1 badman because of his slashing judo chops and ruthless actions, meets Lou Thesz for the title on the St. Paul Amateur Aid Fund show at the St. Paul auditorium Saturday night.

If he wins the crown he becomes a wealthy man over night. Wearing the diamond studded championship belt, Kinji says he could earn upwards of \$100,000 in less than two weeks in Japan. He figures six matches in Japan would attract over 300,000 spectators. It would be his first visit to the Orient, and he would be a national hero.

Ringside seats in Japan sell upwards of \$4 each, Kinji says.

Shibuya, a graduate of the University of Hawaii where he starred in football, well remembers the bombing of Pearl Harbor and it was a shocking experience. He recalls the "war games" carried on by the U. S. forces be-

fore the Dec. 7 attack. When airplanes began zooming overhead that day he believed the "games" were being held again, but when the bombs started falling, buildings started to crumble and gunfire and smoke filled the air, he realized it was war.

Shibuya, after graduation, played pro football, making a tour of the United States. He was also a member of the pro teams that met U. S. All-Americans in Hawaii bowl games.

When Kinji was 13 his dad taught him judo wrestling. Today Kinji's dad is 71 and can still handle his son, who developed into a pretty fair amateur wrestler under his father's tutelage. In 1948

Shibuya decided to turn pro and met invading U. S. matmen. The U. S. grapplers took a delight in giving inexperienced Kinji a terrific lac-

Kinji Plans Party

Kinji Shibuya is drawing plans for a victory celebration after he wins the title from Lou Thesz. He was sending out invitations today.

ing. Kinji knew only tricks of judo, not the American style of using fists, legs and even chairs. After terrific lickings from Dick Raines and Abe Kashey, Shibuya decided he had taken enough punishment and was ready to dish out some himself. Immediately he became the heralded young star of the Islands. In 1951 he married and the honeymooners departed for the U. S.

In four years Shibuya has been in 40 states, travels more than 75,000 miles a year and has had 1,000 bouts in rising from an unknown to the No. 3 challenger for Thesz' crown.

Mrs. Shibuya doesn't talk about her husband's reputation as a ruthless wrestler, one who shows no mercy in the ring. To her he's human and a "nice fellow", the nicest she's ever met. And as he sits petting his dog, Shibuya actually looks peaceful.

Mrs. Shibuya comments: "It's not Kinji that starts the trouble. It's his opponents. They get rough and then Kinji tries to protect himself. Then the fans start booing him and tossing threats. They've even stabbed him with knives."

Shibuya is proud of his wife and his miniature dachshound puppy which won a blue ribbon in a recent Minneapolis dog show. Mrs. Shibuya says the pup is the only one who can bark at Kinji and get by with it. Thesz won't Saturday, Kinji says.

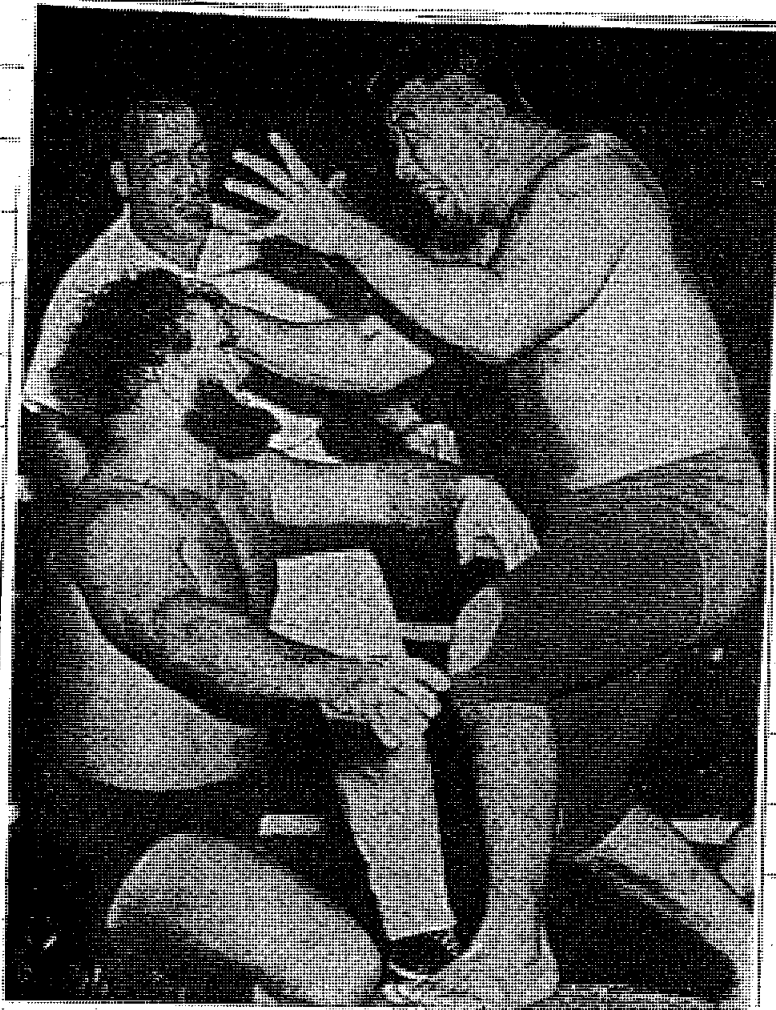


Here's the Kinji Shibuya the fans hate.



Kinji Shibuya is in peaceful mood and his wife, Janet, and blue ribbon puppy, Nana O'Hawaii, love him. — Staff Photo.

MINNEAPOLIS DEC. 6, 1955



KINJI SHIBUYA (right) appears to have mayhem in mind as he prepares to mess up Ivan Kamlikoff's hair a bit more during the tag team wrestling match Tuesday night at the auditorium. Referee Bill Kuusisto looks shocked.—Star Sportsphoto by Dwight Miller.

BRANDON OCT 24, 1957



—Brandon Sun Photo

ORIENTAL TACTICS: East is east and west is where Australian Kangaroo Al Costello should never have ventured. Doing battle with the team of Mr. Hito and the Great Mitsu in the Wheat City Arena last night, Costello found himself without the support of

his Kangaroo partner Roy Heffernan and in deep trouble when the match was even at one fall per team. But the referee came to Costello's rescue at this point, disqualifying the irate muscle-men from the Land of the Rising Sun.

BRANDON OCT. 24, 1957

Australians Take Match As Japanese Disqualified

"Ah so", said Mr. Hito and The Great Mitsu bowed in agreement as the famous Australian Kangaroos went through their boomerang routine before the start of Thursday night's main event wrestling bout at the arena. The Japanese gentlemen, if not impressed by the pre-bout warmup of Roy Heffernan and Al Costello, were at least polite.

A short time later, however, bowing and Emily Post had been forgotten and the most honorable Hito and Mitsu had paid heavily for their Jekyll and Hyde change-over. They lost the third and deciding fall in the featured tag team match by disqualification to the Australians.

Heffernan and Costello were billed as the main attractions, but the Japanese obviously didn't go for this kind of propaganda. Mr. Hito recovered from an early Australian onslaught to clobber Heffernan in the Japanese corner and take the first fall by pinning him in little more than five minutes.

The Kangaroos lived up to their advance billing when action resumed. They tied up most unfortunate Mr. Hito in the ropes and quicker than you could say Waltzing Matilda, they had gathered up The Great Mitsu and were using him as a battering ram to smash his partner.

The ropes helped out again a few minutes later as Mitsu attempted a bounce off them, became entangled and was easy prey for Heffernan. He applied the pin at 18:55 to make it all even.

STARTED OUT FAST

The Aussies started out fast in the final but the Japanese came back and both were giving Costello a rough time in the corner when the referee ordered them to break. After persistent warn-

6 The Brandon Daily Sun,
Friday, October 25, 1957.

ings had failed to bring any results the Kangaroos were declared winners at 24:46 much to the chagrin of both tag combinations.

Earlier in the evening veteran Joe Pazandak had a busy time of it as he disposed first of Brandon's Ray McLachlan and then Scotland's Ian Campbell. McLachlan and Campbell were each seeking the \$1,000 cheque which Pazandak had promised to any man who can pin him within 30 minutes.

Making his professional debut, McLachlan impressed and was particularly impressive in the opening minutes as he had Pazandak hollering for mercy on a couple of occasions. But the veteran Minneapolis grappler's superior ring knowledge paid off and he disposed of the local aspirant with a pin at 12:45.

It was almost the same story with Campbell. The Scotsman had a good beginning and an unfortunate ending, slightly more prolonged than McLachlan's, at 18:55.

The opening bout between Al Kashey and the Masked Mauler went to a 30-minute draw and Kashey's opponent retained his secret identity despite the young Californian's efforts to tear off the mask.

The sponsoring Brandon City Police Boys Baseball Association is planning another card sometime next month.

